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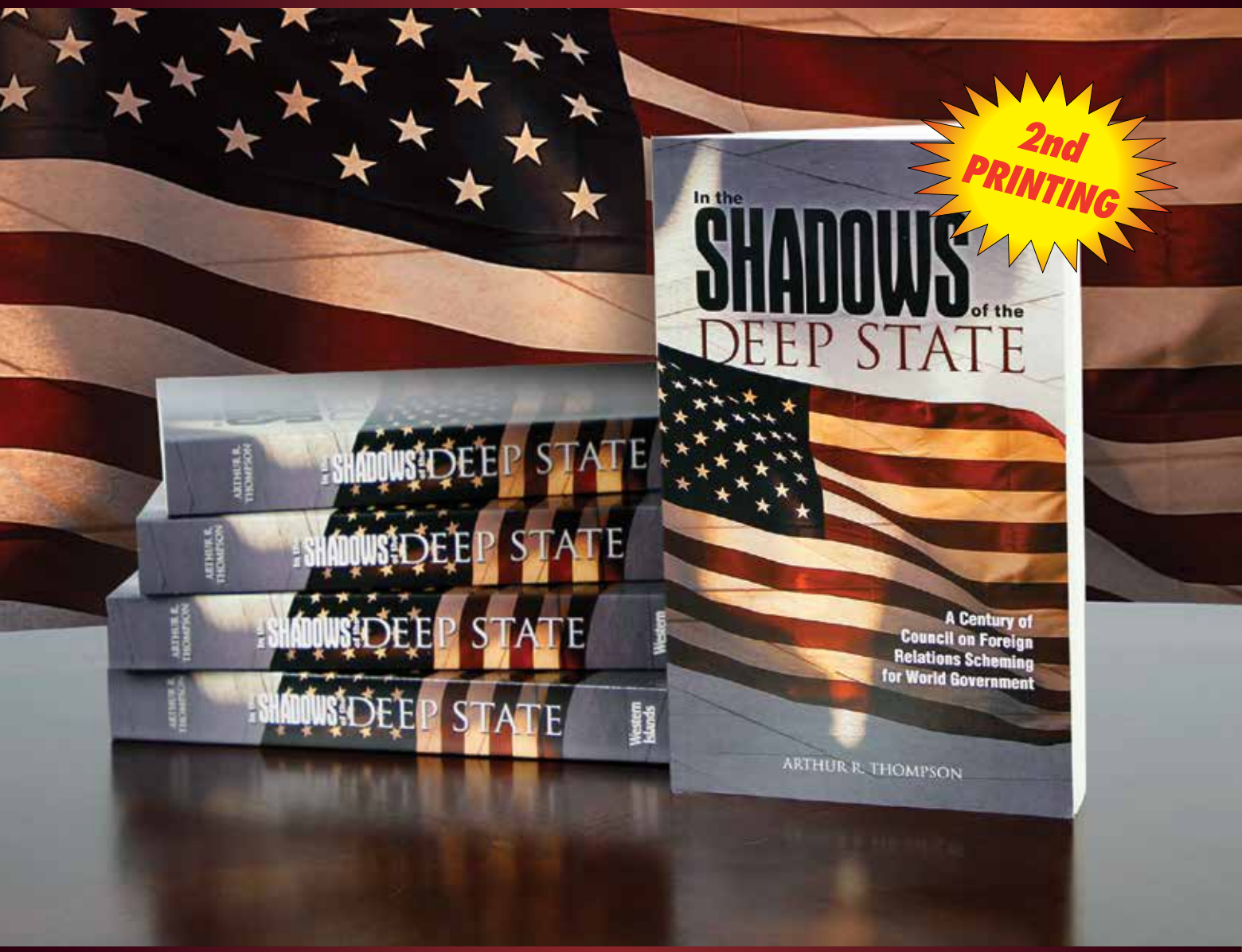

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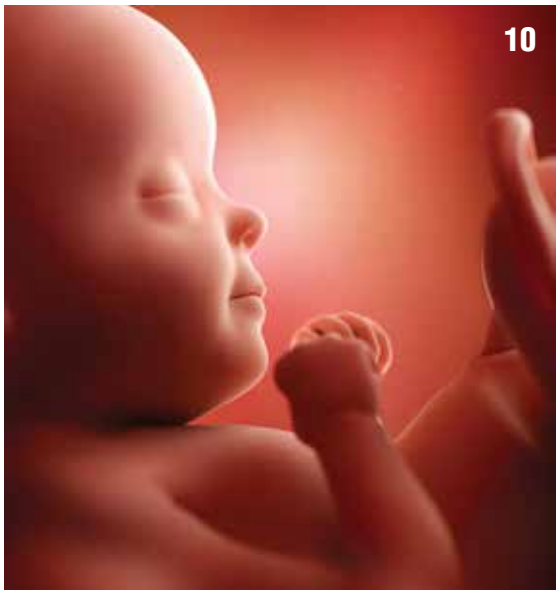

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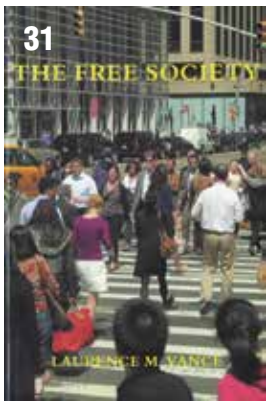

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Why Go Globalist?

There has been a renewal of interest in globalism recently. Many people, even ones who are fairly savvy, feel that there will be benefits to all by moving toward global economic and foreign policy.

The socialist statists (including the Democrats) are even calling for "open borders," with the thinking that anyone should be able to live anywhere they want in the world, and should not be limited by their birthplace.

The "New World Order" that George H. W. Bush espoused is an example of this modern thinking. It all might sound fine and good, and many might say, "What's wrong with that?" But there *is* a catch.

In the USA we have a system of government that has checks and balances all throughout it. The Founders recognized (by Divine inspiration) that natural man must be reined in at every level.

These checks and balances facilitate that reining in. They prevent bad people from going beyond certain limits in control over their fellow man.

Those same checks and balances and the freedom to choose also allow people to vote with their feet. That is, if some political leader or system becomes onerous enough, folks can pack up and leave, going somewhere else that may be more compatible with their desired life preferences.

If one state's taxes are so burdensome that it becomes difficult to maintain a desired lifestyle, a person can move to another state where there is more reasonable taxation. My own step-brother did that.

If one doesn't like it here in America, he can move somewhere else — within immigration limitations.

The problem with globalization is that those valuable checks and balances are removed. Once we have reached that pinnacle of global governance, there *are no more* checks and balances. Who would impose them even if there were? In other words, we will have reached the "final" level of world domination.

At that point whoever is in charge will have ultimate power over us. And since people will then likely not be able to vote with their feet, they will become slaves of the world government, with no recourse but the sword to try to overcome the enslavement.

That is the reason we must constantly be attempting to push governance to the lowest level possible, where there is more accountability and transparency.

The United Nations very much wants to become *the* world government. In fact, it salivates over the possibility constantly. The United Nations Population Fund monitors movements of people worldwide. And there could easily come a time when they begin to issue quotas to countries of how many new immigrants they must take in (it's virtually happening in Europe already). This will be an attempt to redistribute wealth and balance the standard of living for everyone — with those in the West seeing their standards of living go down.

It may seem all noble and humane, but this is a dangerous trend and must be fought against in a significant way.

Globalism is not a good thing! Only evil can come from moving governance to the highest possible international level.

We need to be educating our very uninformed young people today that this trend may eventually make them subservient to leaders they did not elect and over which they will have no power.

The goal of communism and socialism is to make people equally miserable and atheistic. We must not let it happen!

James Green
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Rails to Understanding

Though our government will probably never recover the two-plus billion dollars given to California for the ill-conceived high-speed train, the train boondoggle does highlight some salient facts. Capitalism/private enterprise produces profit, efficiency, and functionality; it usually works. Government/socialism produces waste (cost overruns, dysfunction, and inefficiency); it almost never works.

Why does this still seem to be such a mystery to such a large portion of our population?

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United States Soon to Pass Saudi Arabia in Oil Exports

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Rystad Energy, an independent oil and gas analysis and consulting company based in Oslo, Norway, released a report on March 7 stating that the United States will surpass Saudi Arabia later this year in exports of oil, natural gas liquids, and other petroleum products, such as gasoline.

Saudi Arabia currently exports about seven million barrels of crude oil each day, along with two million barrels of natural gas liquids and petroleum products, but the United States will exceed those numbers this year, according to Rystad.

U.S. exports of oil have not exceeded Saudi Arabia's since the Middle Eastern nation first began selling oil overseas in the 1950s.

The increases in U.S. oil production and exports can be attributed to two factors.

First, there's the continued rise in hydrocarbon extraction. CNN reported March 8 that drilling innovations have allowed tapping huge quantities of oil and natural gas resources that had previously been trapped in shale oil fields in Texas, North Dakota, and other states. The primary technological advance enabling the extraction of shale oil is known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking."

There was a problem with translating the increased production into increased exports, however, and overcoming that obstacle will be the second factor making an increase in U.S. oil exports possible.

CNBC reported on March 8 that a shortage of pipeline capacity created a bottleneck for oil being sent from the Permian Basin in West Texas to Gulf Coast ports, where it could be loaded onto tankers. The report noted that "the transportation tie-up at the Permian Basin is about to ease up, and a new network of pipelines will help U.S. producers unleash more crude into the Gulf Coast and then onto the world market."

"There's a lot of shale capacity being prepared. There's a lot of pipeline capacity. We're going to triple pipelines going into the market from 3 to 9 million in three years, from last year to late 2021," the report said, quoting Francisco Blanch, head of commodities and derivatives at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Taxman Chasing Rich New Yorkers Who've "Fled State"

New York has been driving away the wealthy with its soak-the-rich standards. Since it takes a lot of money to fund a big, liberty-squelching government, however, Empire State tax collectors are chasing rich alleged ex-New Yorkers like the Pinkertons pursuing an Old West outlaw. It's a dangerous game, too, as a recent report warns that New York City — the high-tax death star of a high tax state — stands at a precipice of bankruptcy.

At issue are New Yorkers who claim they've moved to a low-tax state such as Florida, which has no income or estate tax, but may actually still have their primary residence in New York.

As CNBC wrote March 8,

> The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is making sure that high earners who try to leave don't escape without an audit and a bill…. In addition to the traditional audit methods the state uses to make sure a taxpayer isn't gaming the system — like checking taxpayer's credit card bills and travel schedules — New York officials are using a whole new set of high-tech tools, including tracking cell-phone records, social media feeds, and veterinary and dentist records. Auditors are even conducting in-home inspections to look inside taxpayers' refrigerators.

The point of this is the mobility of the rich. The poor and middle class *may* not be able to escape from New York, but the wealthy can go anywhere. The state can audit all it wants and perform one last solitary fleecing, but it can't thus retain what economist Thomas Sowell has called "human capital." It's an old lesson, one that explains why the erstwhile Eastern Bloc Marxists built the Berlin Wall (to keep their *own people in*), and illustrates how leftists do not learn from history.

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Over 1,000 Scientists Openly Dissent From Evolution Theory

Over 1,000 doctoral scientists from around the world have signed a "Dissent" statement expressing skepticism about Darwin's evolution theory, sparking fresh controversy over an idea that is at the core of many people's worldview. The significant announcement, made in February, has been all but ignored by the establishment media. But it is making waves nevertheless.

The dissenting scientists all united around one simple statement: "We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life…. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged. There is scientific dissent from Darwinism. It deserves to be heard."

More than a dozen of the signatories are members of various national academies of science, including those in the United States, Russia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and other nations, as well as the Royal Society. More than a few come from America's most prestigious universities, such as Harvard, MIT, Princeton, and Yale. Others come from prestigious foreign universities and research institutions, such as the University of Cambridge, London's Natural History Museum, Moscow State University, Hong Kong University, University of Stellenbosch in South Africa, Institut de Paléontologie Humaine in France, Ben-Gurion University in Israel, and more.

The experts speaking out also represent a broad array of scientific disciplines and fields. These include molecular biology, biochemistry, biology, entomology, computational quantum chemistry, microbiology, psychiatry, behavioral sciences, astrophysics, marine biology, cellular biology, physics, astronomy, math, geology, anthropology, and many more. Many medical doctors are raising questions, too.

The project, known as "A Scientific Dissent From Darwinism," was first launched by the Discovery Institute in 2001. Since then, the number of public dissenters has grown tenfold. Indeed, many prominent scientists now dispute evolution theory, and the institute believes that the 1,000-plus scientists who have signed the statement represent the tip of a massive iceberg.

More Women Buying Guns for Protection and Empowerment

A March 4 article in the *Virginian-Pilot* noted the increase in gun ownership among women, citing figures from the National Shooting Sports Foundation stating that gun ownership among women has risen 77 percent since 2005.

The newspaper interviewed Glenda Craddock, who, with her husband, Jeff, owns three pawn and gun shops in South Hampton Roads, Virginia. Craddock and one of her managers, Amy May, spoke to a writer from the *Virginian-Pilot* while the two women were practicing their shooting skills at a range on a farm that the Craddocks own.

"We cater to everybody," Craddock said. "Women, I think, get a sense of accomplishment and a skill level they didn't used to have. There is a sense of invincibility in a way."

The writer also interviewed Kim Thumel, president of the new Virginia Beach chapter of The Well Armed Woman, a national organization that has hundreds of chapters. Thumel was pleasantly surprised when 24 women showed up for the first meeting.

"We had women who had been carjacked, robbed or raped and others who were just scared of what's going on in the world. We had others that just wanted to learn more and get better at shooting. It turned into a beautiful thing for women to do together, a fellowship where they could share their experiences and bond."

The Utah-based *Daily Herald* ran a story on March 4 about Debby Jackson, a woman in American Fork, Utah. In 2017, Jackson started attending meetings for the Utah County chapter of The Well Armed Woman, and eventually became a co-leader of the group. "I'm not advocating that we go around with guns all the time, but I think there is evil in the world and I don't think we can depend on the government," Jackson told the *Daily Herald*. "We need to protect ourselves and our families and that is a big thing with me, to be a self-protector." ■

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England's Pro-Brexit Partisans Not Bending

"Instead of introducing more bans and regulations, we should use our departure from the E.U. to cut taxes, remove red tape, and move away from the big-state European model. This is a huge opportunity to remake the case for free-market conservatism."

Liz Truss, *a senior treasury minister in the British government, and numerous allies who wish to divorce completely from the EU, know that Prime Minister Theresa May wants Britain to retain EU membership.*

Immigration Foes Distraught After Trump's Immigration Reversal

"That Mr. Trump would advance the interests of the global elite ahead of our citizens would be a tragic reversal on any day. The White House has simply lost its way."

Fox News host **Lou Dobbs** *has always been a strong Trump supporter. But he's not alone in disagreeing with the president about relying on foreigners rather than Americans to fill job openings.*

Michael Cohen

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Michael Cohen Paints a Curious Portrait of Himself

"I have lied, but I am not a liar. I have done bad things, but I am not a bad man. I have fixed things, but I am no longer your fixer Mr. Trump."

Testifying before a House committee, former Trump confidant **Michael Cohen** *condemned himself and his past activity in hopes of being viewed as a man who has been reformed from a life full of misdeeds.*

Number of Illegals Entering United States Sets a Record

"This is clearly both a border security and humanitarian crisis. The system is well beyond capacity and remains at the breaking point."

Concern at the border is nearly double what it was in 2018 because 76,000 illegal immigrants entered the United States in the month of February 2019. **Kevin McAleenan**, *the U.S. commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, pointed to huge numbers continuing to cross the border every day, a problem beyond the capability of the undermanned Border Patrol to deal with.*

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

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Ocasio-Cortez Claims Role of "Boss" as She Moves Toward Socialism

"I am at least trying and they're not. So the power is in the hands of the person who's trying, regardless of the success. I'm the boss."

Referring to the so-called Green New Deal she co-authored, freshman U.S. Representative **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez** *(D-N.Y.) delights in the attention she and her extreme plan for socialism in the United States have received.*

Hardline Republican Challenges Call for National Emergency

"If you think my job is to support the president one hundred percent, then you don't understand what it means to be a representative in Congress. My job is to support the Constitution one hundred percent and to represent the people of my district by protecting their rights."

He voted against President Trump's attempt to get funding for a wall at the border by declaring a national emergency. In doing so, Representative **Justin Amash** *(Mich.) is one of very few who took such a principled stand.*

Donald Trump

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President Mocks "Green New Deal"

"Somebody described it as a high school term paper written by a poor student."

He didn't name the author of the remark, but **President Trump** *clearly enjoyed the mockery aimed at the comprehensive environmental plan presented by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Senator Ed Markey (D-Mass.).* ■

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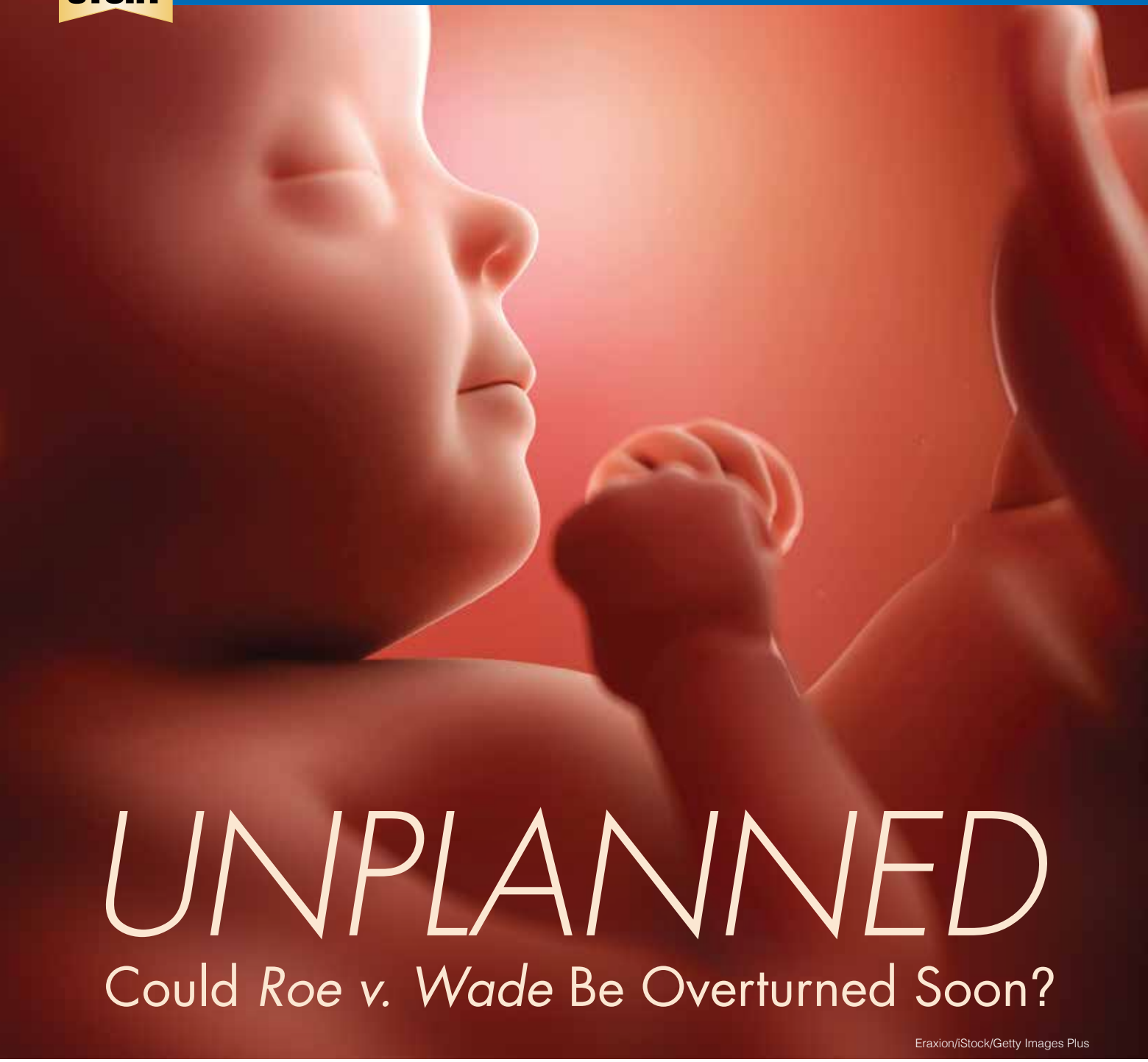

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With abhorrence at abortion laws allowing the killing of an infant moments before he is born, new anti-abortion movies, and new Supreme Court justices, *Roe v. Wade* may fall.

by Troy Anderson

Abby Johnson was Planned Parenthood's superstar. In eight years, she rose from a college volunteer to one of their youngest clinic directors to "Employee of the Year."

Then she assisted with an ultrasound-guided abortion for the first time, and what she saw changed everything.

"We were expanding abortion services in our affiliates to perform abortions through six months of pregnancy," Johnson told The New American. "I didn't support abortion that far into the preg-

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nancy. Then we were instructed to double our abortion quota — a certain number of abortions that we had to sell to women coming in, which was bothersome to me."

At the time, Johnson believed, "foolishly," what she had been told — that Planned Parenthood was "trying to keep abortion rare," but the demand to double their abortion quota didn't align with what she believed the nonprofit organization's mission was.

Then, in October 2009, a co-worker asked her to assist with an abortion at the clinic in Texas.

"Ultimately, I left [Planned Parenthood] after witnessing a live ultrasound-guided abortion procedure where I saw a 13-week-old baby fight and struggle for his life against the abortion instruments only to lose his life, and I knew that there was humanity in the womb," Johnson says. "I knew that for all these years I had essentially put the rights of the woman above the rights of the unborn child, and it became very clear to me in that moment that our rights should be equal — that one shouldn't supersede the other."

After Johnson quit her job, Planned Parenthood sued and tried to slap a gag order on her.

"They tried to get a permanent gag order against me so I wouldn't be able to talk about my experiences and the things I knew about the organization," Johnson says. "And that was actually what was picked up by the media and really propelled me to then start sharing my story publicly and then subsequently writing *Unplanned* [a best-selling book based on her experiences]."

Divine Orchestration?

Described as a "divinely orchestrated thing" by those involved, a film based off her book, also called *Unplanned*, opened March 29 at about 800 theaters nationwide amid a number of other pro-life films, as speculation grows that the U.S. Supreme Court may soon weigh in on the controversial 1973 case *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion in America. The decision ruled that state laws banning abortion are unconstitutional.

Since that time, more than 61 million unborn children have died, according to National Right to Life, the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization.

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Planned Parenthood, which reported more than $1.6 billion in revenues in 2017-18, while posting over $240 million in "excess revenues," is estimated to have made nearly $160 million performing over 330,000 abortions last year, according to National Right to Life's annual report.

"I went in really naïve about what abortion was, what the abortion industry was," Johnson says. "I certainly learned that it is an industry, that they are in this for profit. I remember being told by a supervisor that nonprofit is a tax status, not a business status."

"They're not a charitable organization. Abortions are not done for free. They are not done because they are trying to help women. They are done because they are trying to exploit women and manipulate women in a very vulnerable time of their lives, and I think we need to talk more about that — what true women's empowerment means because I don't think Planned Parenthood really understands what that is, and I think to profit off the crisis of another human being is really the antithesis of what it means to empower someone."

With President Trump's appointment of conservative justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the high court, and the possibility he may make other appointments if one or more of the aging, liberal justices die, concerns are growing among abortion supporters that the Supreme Court may weaken or overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

If Trump names a replacement for 86-year-old Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who has suffered health-related setbacks over the years and had two malignant nodules removed from her left lung in December, Republican appointees to the high court would outnumber Democratic ones six to three.

At least 20 abortion-related cases are now in the pipeline to the Supreme Court, and legal experts say any one of them could be the one that results in a decision that would send shockwaves around the planet.

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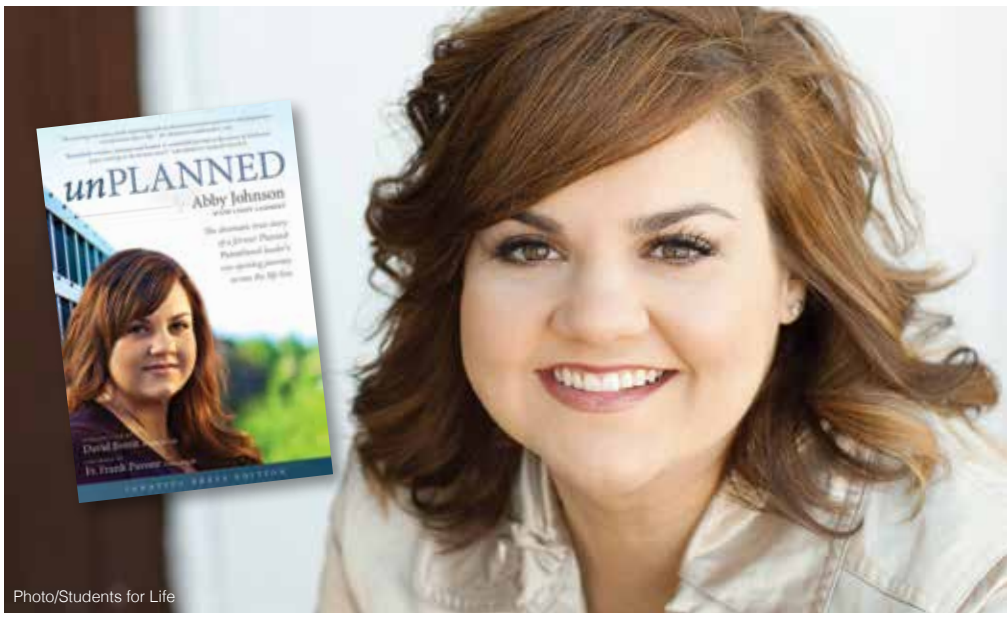

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Abortion's inside story: The film *Unplanned* tells the explosive story of former Planned Parenthood clinic director turned pro-life activist Abby Johnson.

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the Supreme Court and pro-choice legislators are saying that as well," says Johnson, now an anti-abortion activist and the founder and chief executive officer of And Then There Were None, a nonprofit organization that exists to help abortion-clinic workers leave the industry.

"I think the response that we have seen with these incredibly liberal abortion laws in states like New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, Virginia and New Mexico are very reactionary to that line of thinking — that we are living in times where we could see an end to the federal legality of abortion and move it back to the states."

The film *Unplanned*, made by the writers and co-producers of *God's Not Dead* and *God's Not Dead 2* and distributed by Pure Flix, tells the inspiring true story of Johnson's journey of transformation.

Throughout her life, Johnson wanted to help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upward of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion for a women's right to choose even led her to become a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she believed in.

But all that changed on the day she witnessed the tragic reality of what an abortion involves, leading her to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

The film is one of several pro-life movies that have been released recently or will be released soon. Others include *Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer* (October 12, 2018), *Roe v. Wade* (late 2019), *Order of Rights* (pre-production), and *The Moral Outcry* (pre-production).

Dr. Alveda King, the niece of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., the director of civil rights for the unborn at Priests for Life, and the executive producer of *Roe v. Wade*, told The New American that the film *Roe v. Wade* tells the real history of the landmark case.

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Life — the main right: Dr. Alveda King, niece of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is the director of African-American Outreach at Priests for Life and executive producer of the film *Roe v. Wade*.

"It highlights the main players of the time as well as the Supreme Court justices," King says. "It also looks at Norma McCorvey, the woman who was the 'Roe' in *Roe v. Wade*, who never had an abortion and never desired an abortion. But she was set up to be a poster child for something that she could never imagine. Before Norma's death, she repented of her participation in that whole scenario and of course wanted to see *Roe v. Wade* reversed."

Academy Award-winning actor Jon Voight, who plays Chief Justice Warren E. Burger in *Roe v. Wade*, told The New American at the Movieguide Faith & Values Awards Gala in February in Universal City, California, that it's an important film for people to watch.

"People are emotionally upset about the issue," Voight says.

> They are locked into their point of view about this issue without knowing very much about it; I have to say — that's all of us. We all must go and see exactly what happened, what the issues are, and then we can look at it and then we can we have a conversation about it.
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> Right now, we're dealing with mostly folks who aren't quite clear about what actually happened so let's get a little history lesson and see the personalities that created this decision, and what their criteria was, and then we'll see was it good, was it bad, what was it? So, I'm looking forward to the conversations after people see the film, not before.

The Moral Outcry

Unplanned, *Roe v. Wade*, and other pro-life films come as the debate over abortion has taken center stage in the national conversation following New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's order in January directing the One World Trade Center and other landmarks to be lit in pink to celebrate the signing of a law permitting late-term abortions.

"The Reproductive Health Act is a historic victory for New Yorkers and for our progressive values," Cuomo said in a statement. "In the face of a federal government intent on rolling back *Roe v. Wade* and women's reproductive rights, I promised that we would enact this critical

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Trying to turn back time: Attorney Allan E. Parker, Jr. was the counsel for Norma McCorvey, the "Roe," in *Roe v. Wade*, in her effort to overturn the 1973 ruling legalizing abortion.

legislation within the first 30 days of the new session — and we got it done."

In his State of the Union Address in February, Trump spoke against the law:

> There could be no greater contrast to the beautiful image of a mother holding her infant child than the chilling displays our nation saw in recent days. Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments from birth. These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and their dreams with the world. And then, we had the case of the Governor of Virginia where he stated he would execute a baby after birth.
>
> To defend the dignity of every person, I am asking Congress to pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother's womb.
>
> Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: All children — born and unborn — are made in the holy image of God.

In an op-ed in the *New York Times*, Cuomo wrote that the law protects "against the Republicans' efforts to pack the Supreme Court with extreme conservatives to overturn the constitutional protections recognized in *Roe v. Wade*."

The Republicans' "goal is to end all legal abortion in our nation," Cuomo wrote. "The Reproductive Health Act guarantees a woman's right to abortion in the first 24 weeks of a pregnancy or when the fetus is not viable and permits it afterward only when a woman's life or health is threatened or at risk."

In this increasingly fractious political environment, Cuomo wrote that there has been continual anxiety that the high court will overrule *Roe v. Wade*. "Most observers of the Supreme Court believe the question is not if *Roe* will be overturned, but when," Cuomo wrote.

Allan Parker, president of The Justice Foundation, a Texas attorney who practices mostly before the Supreme Court, the lead counsel for McCorvey in her 2000-to-2012 effort to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and an advisor to *The Moral Outcry* film, told The New American that five justices on the Supreme Court have "at least an open mind about reversing *Roe*."

Parker has gathered more than 161,000 signatures for the Moral Outcry Petition, a multi-year, multi-phase, public-interest litigation strategy designed to win reversal of the Supreme Court's abortion cases of *Roe v. Wade*, *Doe v. Bolton* (1973), and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992). A coalition of dozens of prominent pro-life groups announced on February 27 that they are supporting the Moral Outcry Petition as a national project. The petition calls on the Supreme Court to reverse its abortion cases, and gives all Americans an opportunity to voice their moral outrage over abortion by signing the petition at www.TheMoralOutcry.com. The goal is to collect over a million signatures on this petition, which would constitute severe criticism of the abortion cases, which is a reason under the law of judicial precedent for overturning Supreme Court decisions.

The petition argues, based on the law of judicial precedent, that *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned because abortion is a crime against humanity and results in a variety of health problems for women, and new scientific evidence shows life begins at conception.

For example, there is substantial medical evidence that an unborn child can experience pain by at least 20 weeks after fertilization, according to the National Right to Life report.

Meanwhile, the Human Genome Project found that as soon as the human egg and sperm come together, they have a complete, unique human genetic code, demonstrating that "this is a brand new, unique human individual," Parker says.

"DNA testing wasn't used in the courts until the 1980s, and if you DNA tested the mother's arm and the baby in the womb anonymously, a DNA lab would tell you that these are two separate human beings," Parker says. "Another thing that scientifically didn't exist [in 1973] is the sonogram. These were not used in American medicine until about 1985. A dozen years after *Roe v. Wade*, we began to be able to see what's in the womb and the sonogram shows that you can detect a heartbeat at six weeks, but the heart actually starts beating at 12 to 21 days, so there is a lot of new scientific evidence."

Confident that *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned, Parker has urged states to pass post-*Roe* activation laws that would ban abortion the day that *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. In February, Arkansas lawmakers approved the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act based on the the Moral Outcry petition, Parker says.

The act declares it is "time for the United States Supreme Court to redress and correct the grave injustice and the crime against humanity" that is abortion.

"States like New York are feverishly

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working to protect abortion in their state laws because they are desperately afraid that the U.S. Supreme Court is going to reverse *Roe v. Wade* within the next one to three years," Parker says. "So, they are looking ahead and trying to protect it at the state level when [abortion] loses its federal protection. The Arkansas statute says when *Roe v. Wade* is reversed abortion will be automatically illegal in Arkansas."

Meanwhile, a poll in late February confirmed that many people are horrified by what's happened in New York, and other states and are now walking away from the "pro-choice" label.

"Current proposals that promote late-term abortion have reset the landscape and language on abortion in a pronounced — and very measurable way," Barbara Carvalho, director of The Marist Poll, said in a statement. "In a substantial, double-digit shift, according to the poll, Americans are now as likely to identify as pro-life (47 percent) as pro-choice (47 percent). Just last month, a similar survey conducted by The Marist Poll found Americans more likely to identify as pro-choice than pro-life by 17 percentage points (55 to 38 percent)."

Many States Ready to Outlaw Abortion

The recent changes in the makeup of the Supreme Court have raised the possibility that *Roe v. Wade* could be "severely undermined — or even overturned — essentially leaving the legality of abortion to individual states," according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research and policy organization named after the former president of Planned Parenthood.

Currently, at least 20 cases that could prompt a reversal of *Roe v. Wade* are working their way up to the Supreme Court, Parker says.

One of these involves a Louisiana law that requires doctors to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the facilities where an abortion is to take place. It may seem innocuous, but it's a TRAP (Targeted Restriction on Abortion Providers) law designed to protect women's health, and may shut down unsafe abortion clinics. Several states have adopted TRAP laws in recent years, including Louisiana and Mississippi. A few years ago, the high court rejected a TRAP law in Texas, saying it was not medically justified and constituted an "undue burden" on abortion access, but that was in 2016, before the confirmations of Gorsuch and Kavanaugh.

In February, the U.S. Supreme Court put a hold on the enforcement of the Louisiana law while the court considers whether to hear the case. If the court decides to do so, it could open the door to revisiting and potentially overturning the ruling in *Roe v. Wade*.

"If a state passes a 20-week abortion ban or a heartbeat bill, or even a fetal burial statute or a dismemberment ban, these are all cases the Supreme Court could use to reverse *Roe*," Parker says. "It does not have to be a complete and total ban on abortion. Any case in which the other side is saying, 'You can't do this because of *Roe v. Wade*,' which is [the proponents of abortion's] basic argument in all these cases, could be the case in which the court says, 'You're right and therefore we're going to reverse *Roe. v. Wade*.'"

A reversal of *Roe v. Wade* could establish a legal path for states' pre-1973 abortion bans, as well as currently unenforced post-1973 bans, to take effect, according to Guttmacher.

If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, Parker says, a "big battle" would surely ensue in state courts and legislatures. Some state judges have found a constitutional right to abortion in their state constitutions. Meanwhile, some states have found a right to life in their constitutions. These states would ban abortion. The states that found a right to abortion in their constitutions would protect abortion unless the constitution was amended.

"So, the battle might be in the state court or might be in the state legislature to determine what the state law on abortion is going to be," Parker says. "That is the most probable result."

"It is possible that the Supreme Court could reverse *Roe v. Wade* and find a right to life in the Constitution because the right to life is expressly guaranteed in the 5th Amendment and the 14th Amendment. The 5th Amendment says no person shall be deprived of life without due process of

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Ensuring death in the Empire State: New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signs the Reproductive Health Act on January 22, 2019. State leaders said the law was needed to safeguard abortion rights should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

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Will they swing right? President Donald Trump has appointed two supposedly pro-life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court: Associate Justices Neil Gorsuch (left) and Brett Kavanaugh.

the law. So, they could go all the way to striking down every state law on abortion."

Nullification Is Alive and Well in America

Even as hope rises that the Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade*, pro-life advocates note that the U.S. Supreme Court, like the two other branches of the federal government, may only exercise those powers delegated to it by the Constitution, and that the Constitution doesn't give the Supreme Court the power to decide whether abortion is legal.

"People just don't understand the Constitution if they agree to submit to unconstitutional rulings," Dr. Matthew Clark, a South Carolina doctor and chairman of the Board of Personhood SC, told The New American. "The Supreme Court has been wrong over 200 times. They have reversed their own rulings over 200 times."

"They were wrong about *Dred Scott* [the 1857 case in which the Supreme Court ruled that Americans of African descent were not American citizens and could not sue in federal court] and they were wrong about *Roe v. Wade*. They were wrong, and the states need to stand up and tell them so and refuse to submit. Ignore *Roe v. Wade* is what we need to be crying out across our country."

Clark and others note that Article III, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution could be used to take away the Supreme Court's appellate jurisdiction to hear abortion cases. Also, they say that America's most influential Founding Fathers — Thomas Jefferson and James Madison — recognized the duty of state governments to protect citizens and their rights from unconstitutional or immoral federal actions, an idea commonly referred to as "nullification." And the God-given right to life, enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, should certainly affect abortion legislation.

In recent years, voters in a growing number of states have nullified unconstitutional federal statutes by officially ending marijuana prohibition.

The idea behind nullification is simple: Under the U.S. Constitution, the federal government was delegated a few defined powers by the states and the people. Prohibiting substances was not among those powers, hence the need for the constitutional amendment to ban alcohol in the early 20th century. Known as Prohibition, the 18th Amendment banned the manufacture, transportation, and sale of intoxicating liquors from 1920 to 1933.

"Nullification is happening with sanctuary cities for illegal immigrants, it's happening with marijuana states, so the question is, do we have the courage necessary to stand for innocent lives when in America there are people who have the courage to stand for illegal immigration and for marijuana? I mean, it's already being done. Nullification is alive and well in the United States of America," Clark says.

Mercy for Mothers and Healing for America

Even if abortion is ultimately banned throughout the nation, or just in some states, Parker says, women won't have to care for a child that they don't want to take care of.

Currently, all 50 states have safe-haven laws that decriminalize the leaving of a baby at a hospital, police or fire station, or with a statutorily designated private person. These babies become wards of the state.

"The time periods [to leave the baby at a hospital or other location] vary from three days in California to a year in North Dakota, so there will be no coat-hanger abortions, there will be no going back to 1973," Parker says. "We'll move forward to a time where we say, 'We are going to give justice to the child and mercy for the mother,' mercy that says, 'Don't hurt yourself,' because abortion hurts women."

"I have collected over 4,600 legally admissible testimonies of women hurt by abortion and we know from scientific evidence that abortion hurts millions of women to varying degrees. Right now, this is a secret pain they carry — they bury it; they bury it with their aborted babies; but they bury it in their heart as well."

Parker says at any time there are about a million people waiting to adopt healthy, newborn infants.

"So, don't kill the baby, don't hurt yourself, and give the baby to the families that are desperately longing to adopt babies in this country," Parker says.

While Johnson shares Parker's confidence that abortion laws will be overturned in America, she says the nation is not yet prepared for the massive changes that would bring.

"Are we ready for that? I don't know," Johnson says. "I think that we culturally have a long way to go before abortion truly becomes unthinkable, not just illegal, because that's really my end goal — it's not just to see the overturning of legal abortion in the United States, but to really see a time when abortion is unthinkable, so when we look back at the times of legal abortion, we will look back similarly as the way we look back at slavery or the Jewish Holocaust; that we look back and

say, 'We cannot believe that happened. We cannot believe that was allowed to happen.'"

Johnson believes that time is coming, preceded by a national debate over abortion.

"I think that changing society overall is a longer process and changing the resources' structure and just the cultural thinking of a society does take longer, but many times our morality is dictated by legality," she says. "There are many women who have walked into our offices and said, 'Well, I've never liked abortion, but it's legal so it must be okay.' So, I do think that even as abortion becomes illegal that would move our society in a way that would make it morally reprehensible in the minds of some people."

Julie Wilkinson, a Holdenville, Oklahoma, nurse who once worked at an abortion clinic in Colorado and plays the role of an abortion nurse in *Unplanned*, told The New American that she believes the film will help people heal, because statistics show that abortion affects at least a third of all people in the United States.

"Either a wife, daughter, granddaughter — somebody's had one," Wilkinson says. "And because of that many people feel some shame for it; they may not openly say that, but they have it in their past, and because of that, they're reluctant to go all out [to make] abortion illegal because there is a little part of them that still thinks, 'Maybe somebody like my daughter who is only 16 will need to have this.'"

"But I believe when they see *Unplanned* and what goes on in these clinics, and how generally poor the care is and that the after-effects are still lingering for people for the rest of their lives as far as what they've done, I think it's going to make people think again and realize that this is something that isn't a convenience and it needs to end."

Wilkinson says it's hard to describe how shocking an abortion really is.

"When you see the parts of human beings who have been killed, there just really is no words for it," Wilkinson says. "You can see pictures of it, but when you see that these are babies…. It's something that will affect me the rest of my life. I kept it a secret for a really, long time because I was ashamed, and when I met Abby, I, of course, had already left the business, but I became part of the group she has to help support former workers. She helps get people out of the business."

Unplanned Movie Still

Coincidence? Actress Ashley Bratcher plays former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson in the film *Unplanned*. While making the film, Bratcher learned that she was nearly aborted as a baby.

Actress Ashley Bratcher, who plays Johnson in *Unplanned,* says she believes the film will help many women who have had abortions, along with fathers of the babies, begin the process of healing.

"I think that in order to heal you have to reveal," Bratcher says. "The only way you can come up out of the darkness is to confess and say, 'This horrible thing happened in my life, I experienced this.' Otherwise, you are just carrying around this burden and you think nobody can understand it and nobody can forgive you. But that's what this movie is here to say: That's not the truth."

"Abby facilitated 22,000 abortions during her time at Planned Parenthood. That's a pretty heavy burden to carry. And through the film we show how that burden was lifted for her, how she found forgiveness, and how she ultimately became part of a movement that is bringing healing."

Bratcher believes the movie will help bring healing to a nation where nearly one in four women will have an abortion by age 45.

"It will bring about healing because we'll start talking," Bratcher says. "People will start saying, 'I had a similar experience,' or 'I can relate to Abby because I did this,' or 'I worked in an abortion clinic and I understand.'"

The movie shows the "humanity of people on both sides of the fence," she says.

"It's understood in our film that we're not dehumanizing abortion workers," Bratcher says. "We show their hearts, we show that they really do believe they are helping women, as misguided as that sounds."

The film doesn't "dehumanize anyone," (including the pre-born babies) and because of that it will help open up a conversation in America and a "way for people to speak out and say, 'Yeah, that was my experience.'"

"I think that the response is going to be more incredible than we could have ever imagined," Bratcher says. "It already has been, and I really think it's been a divinely orchestrated thing for it all to come together at the time that it has." ■

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The Power of UNPLANNED

The movie *Unplanned*, about a former abortion clinic director who became pro-life, is a must-see for both pro-abortion people and pro-life ones.

by Troy Anderson

As much of America is still reeling from New York and other states moving to legalize abortion up until the time of birth, a powerful new film — *Unplanned* — tells the explosive story of former Planned Parenthood director-turned-pro-life-activist Abby Johnson.

Made by the writers and co-producers of *God's Not Dead* and *God's Not Dead 2* — Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman — *Unplanned* opened March 29 at 800 theaters nationwide. The trailer for the film, distributed by Pure Flix, reached the top spot on iTunes and garnered more than seven million views on Facebook.

Speaking about one of the most polarizing topics of our day, the heartrending film is compelling and very well made, and will leave a deep impact on viewers long after it's over. Like *God's Not Dead*, which grossed over $62 million, *Unplanned* features excellent acting, high-quality cinematography, and eye-opening revelations about the shocking reality of what really happens in an abortion.

"We are being told by people who watch it that they believe it's an incredibly important film for everyone to watch, no matter what side of this debate you're on," Johnson told The New American. "People need to know what they're supporting, and if you're going to support abortion, then we need to have a realistic view of what that is, and not hide away from the reality because it's shocking, or because it's more disturbing than we thought it might be."

The film was assigned an "R" rating by the Motion Picture Association of America for some "disturbing/bloody images" depicting the "abortion process." The "R" rating seems like overkill, given the amount of sex and violence in most Hollywood films with an "R" rating today.

The filmmakers say the MPAA's rating seems to ironically endorse the pro-life position that abortion is an act of violence.

Actress Ashley Bratcher, who plays Johnson in the movie, told The New American that she thought the "R" rating was "great because essentially to me that just means the MPAA agrees with us that abortion is a violent, disturbing act because they didn't give us the 'R' for nudity, not for sex, not for profanity, for none of those things; they only gave it to us for violence, so that means they agree with us."

The movie, based off the best-selling book *Unplanned: The True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Courageous Choice in Favor of Life*, tells the story of Johnson's journey from being a staunch abortion advocate to standing side-by-side with the people who prayed for her spiritual transformation as she faces a full, head-on attack by one of the most powerful corporations in the world.

In the movie, as well as in real life, Johnson was recruited as a volunteer by Planned Parenthood while a student at Texas A&M University, believing the organization's pitch that it provided safe, affordable contraception and healthcare for women.

Although she was a Christian, her volunteering turned into a job in 2001. While her parents and husband disagreed with her career choice, they loved and supported her regardless.

Later, she became a Planned Parenthood superstar, rising in just eight years from volunteer to one of the organization's youngest clinic directors.

Unplanned Movie Still

Sustaining opposition: For years, 40 Days for Life activists worked with the writers of *God's Not Dead* as they completed the writing, directing, and producing of the new film *Unplanned*, about Abby Johnson leaving her job at Planned Parenthood.

Each day she eagerly drove to work, parked in the fenced parking lot, and walked past the gauntlet of pro-life activists outside the fence. Some protesters were overbearing, but volunteers for 40 Days for Life were the opposite — prayerful and respectful of both women seeking abortions and Planned Parenthood employees.

She became acquainted with 40 Days for Life leaders. She became a mother herself while leading the abortion clinic in College Station, Texas. Her husband was elated at her pregnancy, yet she continued working throughout it. She was made Planned Parenthood's employee of the year.

Then she assisted with an abortion for the first time. By way of a sonogram, she saw the baby in the womb fighting for its life during the procedure involving a suction tool. She watched the doctor vacuum the body parts up, joking, "Beam me up, Scotty."

"I think our society has really sanitized abortion," Johnson told The New American. "They have made it seem like it's a very easy, non-painful experience for women, but that couldn't be further from the truth. It's incredibly painful; it's often performed by people who are not trained to perform abortions on women — unlicensed staff is a common issue inside abortion clinics — and it's very bloody. There are certainly risks that are part of an abortion procedure."

Also, Johnson said, there is a lot of "deception in general that women can go back to life, living a normal life like it never happened."

"I don't think that's true for most women," Johnson says. "That's probably true for some, but I think for most women they feel like a part of them has been lost because it has been, but society tells them that abortion is normal so they feel like if they regret their decision that something is wrong with them, and so they don't talk about it, they don't talk about the regret, and they don't talk about the suffering and pain they feel. It's all supposed to be normal, and so hopefully one of the things that this film *Unplanned* will do is show just how incredibly abnormal abortion is, how it's not a safe option, and it's not this sanitized procedure that takes place without any effects."

After witnessing the baby's death, a life-changing moment, Johnson left the organization and sought help from the very people at 40 Days for Life who had maintained a prayerful presence for years outside the fenced parking lot.

When Planned Parenthood brought its full weight on her to keep her silent — slapping a gag order on her and taking her to court — Johnson learned who her true friends were. With the 40 Days for Life leaders by her side, she enlisted the help of a pro-life personal injury attorney willing to stand up to Planned Parenthood.

In making the film, actress Bratcher learned something about her own life that she never knew. Her mother told her that she had an abortion when she was younger and "was going to abort you, but I chose not to."

During a telephone call shortly after Bratcher decided to take the part, her mother became "really emotional."

"What happened next I just had no idea would ever come out of her mouth," Bratcher told The New American. "She said, 'Ashley, I'm going to tell you something that I've never told you before. What you don't know is that when I was 19, I was in the clinic for the second time. I had been called back and I was on the table being examined by a very pregnant nurse, and I got sick and I knew that I couldn't go through with it, and I decided to get up and I walked out and decided to have you.'"

Bratcher says that was "pretty incredible given that I had never heard that story before."

"I was really overwhelmed with emotion," she says, adding she was in a salon getting her hair colored at the time and decided she should take some time to process the revelation and call her mother back later. She spoke to her mother again a couple of days later.

"More than anything there was this overwhelming feeling of, 'Wow, that this life I've lived almost never happened.' I was never once mad at my mom or anything like that; it was just more like, 'Wow, I can't believe that God would bring my story full circle, that he would use me like this.'"

At the time, Bratcher says, she was "kind of middle of the road" in terms of her views on abortion. But hearing Johnson's testimony and playing her in the film "really got my attention and I had a firmer stance on abortion."

"And then to come to find out on top of that that I was almost aborted myself. It was just mind-blowing to think that having never known that here I was speaking and performing as one of the greatest pro-life voices of our time. I don't have words for how much I think that God loves us, that he would do something like that, that he would craft my story in that way." ■

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Hate Hoaxes:

Rise of Fake "Hate Crimes"

In the Trump era, leftists have repeatedly created hate-crime hoaxes to try to vilify Trump supporters, labeling them racist, homophobic, and more – trying to stir up animus.

by Christian Gomez

Since the election of Donald Trump, reports of fake hate crimes, meant to make both Trump and his supporters look bad, have increased. The spotlight that the media have given to these made-up hate crimes has helped to reinforce a belief that hate in America is on the rise under Trump.

Although the FBI does not keep a record of fake hate crimes, such falsified allegations are nothing new. Twenty-five years ago, researcher Laird Wilcox published a book entitled *Crying Wolf: Hate Crime Hoaxes in America* (1994), which documented many such fake hate crimes. In the book's foreword, Wilcox wrote:

> This book grew out of a research project I began in 1988 when the issue of racist and anti-Semitic hoaxes first came to my attention in a serious way. I had learned in talking with a former associate in the civil rights movement of the 1960s that a cross-burning I had always assumed was done by white racists was, in fact, done by civil rights workers. This aroused my curiosity, and more extensive probing convinced me that it may not be an uncommon occurrence.

Wilcox continued, "I quickly discovered that there were almost no sources of information on the subject of racist and anti-Semitic hoaxes." As result, Wilcox began the "Hoaxer Project" in 1989, in order to "bring together information on the subject." After collecting an array of newspaper clippings, in 1990 Wilcox published a small report entitled *The Hoaxer Project Report*. Delving deeper, he found more such cases, culminating in his 1994 book. Unfortunately, his book has not been updated and is currently out of print.

However, with the Internet today, news reports of hoax hate crimes are much easier to track down. Fake hate crimes have increased since the election of Trump, with many laying blame on Trump supporters, helping the Left portray Trump and his supporters as racists, anti-Semites, white nationalists, homophobes, transphobes (fear of transgendered people), Islamophobes, and xenophobes.

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and presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), or who follows their favorite celebrities on Twitter is pushed to conclude that Trump, his "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) slogan, and his supporters are "racist."

For example, politicians, journalists, and celebrities often conflate Trump's accurate warnings about illegal-alien rapists, drug dealers, human traffickers, convicted criminals, and murderous gangs such as MS-13 with all Hispanics and immigrants.

Despite record-low black and Hispanic unemployment under Trump, the high number of women in the workforce, and his numerous condemnations of racism, bigotry, and racist groups such as the KKK, as well as his popularity among disenfranchised black and Hispanic voters (i.e., the #Blexit and #Lexit movements, hashtags for the black and Latino exits from the Democratic Party, respectively), the Left continues to relentlessly smear the president as a racist bogeyman. They say he is "dog whistling" racist messages and sending tweets inciting hate and violence across the country. If "love wins," as the Left loves to chime, then they will lose by their very own lack of it.

The recent case of homosexual, biracial *Empire* actor Jussie Smollett (see below), is merely the latest in a long series of rising false hate crimes that have been reported since the 2016 election to make both Trump and his supporters look bad. Below is a chronological list (from oldest to most recent) of some "hate crimes" that were later revealed to be hoaxes in the era of Trump.

November 1, 2016 — A week prior to the last presidential election, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, a historic 111-year-old black church in Greenville, Mississippi, was burned from within and vandalized, with the words "Vote Trump" spray-painted on the outside. The arson was made to look as if it had been committed by a Trump supporter. By targeting a well-known historic black church in the community, it further gave the impression that the arson was racially motivated.

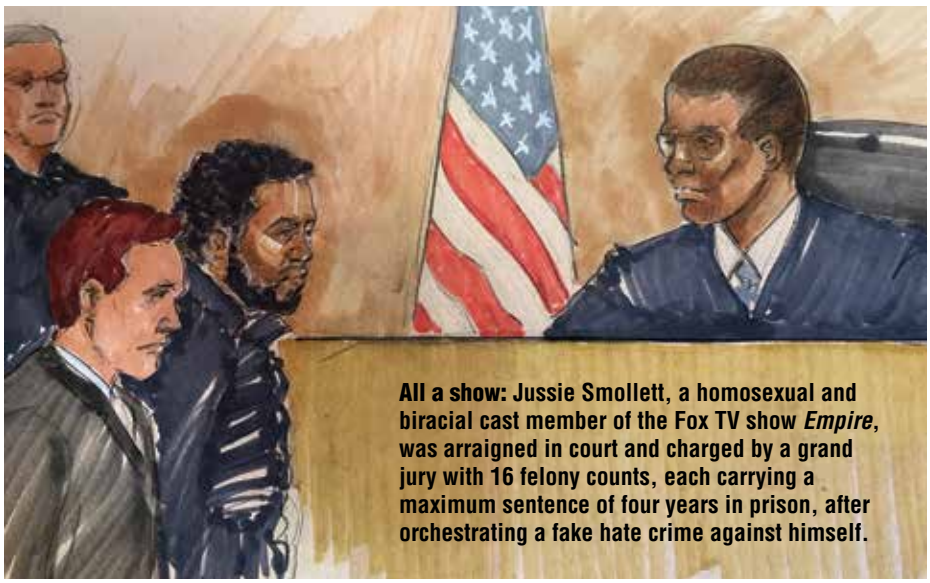
Initial reports about the fire quickly spread throughout national media in the days leading up the election. At the time, Representative Bennie Thompson, a black Democrat representing Mississippi's Second Congressional District, which includes most of the state's capital and the heavily populated city of Jackson, as well as Greenville and Vicksburg, told reporters, "The political message of the vandalism is obviously an attempt to sway public opinion regarding the upcoming election." On December 21, 2016, Mississippi law-enforcement authorities arrested Andrew McClinton, 48, of Leland, Mississippi, an African-American and parishioner of the church. Leland was charged with first-degree arson of a place of worship.

November 8, 2016 — On election night, after leaving a bar in Santa Monica, California, Chris Ball, a homosexual Canadian filmmaker, was alleged to have been the victim of a vicious homophobic attack. The account of the purported incident, along with photos of Ball with his face and shirt drenched in what looks like blood, were posted on Facebook by his friend. The friend's post read, in part: "To celebrate Trump's win last night, some Trump supporters decided to smash a beer bottle into my close friend's head last night for being gay, send him to the ER." According to the *Calgary Metro* newspaper, Ball claimed that the individuals "started launching homophobic slurs" at him and said things like, "We got a new president you f***ing f****ts."

The Daily Caller labeled the incident a hoax, stating, "He did not provide the name of the bar or the location of the attack, and his story has not been substantiated." On November 10, 2016, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) released a statement saying that neither they nor the City of Santa Monica had "received any information indicating this crime occurred in the City of Santa Monica." And despite a Facebook photo showing a battered and blood-covered Ball in what was claimed to be a hospital ER, the SMPD statement commented, "A check of local hospitals revealed there was no victim of any such incident admitted or treated as well."

November 9, 2016 — Early in the morning, hours after Trump had been announced as the projected winner on election night, William Tucker, 58, a black man from Lawnside, New Jersey, went on a graffiti spree in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On a white SUV, Tucker spray painted "Trump Rules" and "Black B***h." He also targeted other vehicles and homes with racial and anti-Semitic slurs. Authorities charged him with vandalism.

November 9, 2016 — Also reportedly on the day after the election, Ashley Boyer of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, posted on Facebook that she had "experienced one of



All a show: Jussie Smollett, a homosexual and biracial cast member of the Fox TV show *Empire*, was arraigned in court and charged by a grand jury with 16 felony counts, each carrying a maximum sentence of four years in prison, after orchestrating a fake hate crime against himself.

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the WORST THINGS in my entire life!!!," elaborating that as she was pumping gasoline, "a vehicle pulled up beside me," out of which jumped four males, "all of whom are Caucasian," she noted. The men then "proceeded to talk about the election and how they're glad they won't have to deal with n****rs much longer." One of the men, according to Boyer's original post, approached her and said, "How scared are u, u black b***h??? I should just kill u right now…you're a waste of air!" According to a screenshot of Boyer's Facebook post, within four hours of posting the story, it had received 5.6 thousand likes and other emoji reactions, 85 comments, and over 8.6 thousand shares.

The screenshot was published in an online article published by the *PhillyVoice*, a Philadelphia-based weekly newspaper, debunking the account. The day after her post, she deleted it and instead posted, "Update on the situation from yesterday...charges were filed, fugitives were caught…yes I kno names and no I will not release them…I will not retaliate!!!" Boyer further added that she would "be the bigger person" for her "kids sakes," followed by some rushed remarks thanking everyone for the shares and kinds words, saying they "really mean a lot." However, as the *PhillyVoice* reported, police in Smyrna, Delaware — where the incident was alleged to have occurred — said that no such police reports had been filed that matched the supposed victim's encounter. In fact, spokespersons for the Delaware State Police, which oversees the area and surrounding areas, denied any such reports or charges. "There is no record of this beyond what we've seen on social media and while there are several ways to file reports with us, social media isn't one of them for obvious reasons," Corporal Brian Donner told the newspaper. "We haven't heard from the victim, any witnesses or a store owner. We would love for any witnesses to call us, but have gotten no phone calls. There is no record of this occurring in Smyrna, if at all."

November 9, 2016 — Again after election day, an 18-year-old female Muslim student at the University of Louisiana's Lafayette campus filed a police report alleging that she was physically attacked and robbed of both her hijab and wallet by two white males, one of whom she claimed wore a "Trump" hat and yelled racial slurs at her. The media did not release her name, but shortly thereafter it was revealed that she had fabricated the entire incident. She was charged with filing a false police report.

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Hoping to alter the outcome: One week prior to the 2016 presidential election, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, a historic black church in Greenville, Mississippi, was burned from within and vandalized. Authorities, however, later arrested one of the church's own black parishioners, who wanted to vilify supposedly racist Trump supporters.

November 10, 2016 — Eleesha Long, 24, a student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, reported that she was attacked by three white males, wearing Trump shirts, who threw rocks at her and yelled racial slurs. However, according to Bowling Green police, Long also made up the story. Rather than first calling 911, Long posted on Facebook the made-up assault, where it got a lot of attention, including from her naturally upset father. After her father read the post and was unable to reach her, he called the police. The Bowling Green police eventually found her and brought her to the station, where she provided officers with a statement. However, it soon became apparent that something was wrong.

According to police, Long changed her story multiple times throughout the course of the investigation. "Several times the complainant changed her story and what happened, where it happened, and when it happened," Lieutenant Dan Mancuso of the Bowling Green Police Division told reporters. Mancuso said police obtained a warrant for her Facebook and Verizon history, which revealed she was not at the location of the supposed crime when she said it happened. "Her text messages allegedly reveal her real motivation may have been frustration with friends and family who were Trump supporters," local ABC 13 reported. According to police, text messages that she sent to her boyfriend and mother were laced with anti-Trump comments such as, "This is why you should take an IQ test to vote," "I haven't met a decent Trump supporter yet," and "I hope they [Trump supporters] all get AIDS." According to Toledo WTOL/CBS 11, "The made-up assault also led to a student-organized town hall meeting called 'Impact of the Election and Respect Within Our Community' on Monday, Nov. 14." Long was formally charged with falsifying a police report and obstructing official business.

November 10, 2016 — An unnamed black female student at Villanova University, in Radnor Township, Pennsylvania, alleged that she was knocked to the ground by a group of white men who shouted "Trump! Trump! Trump!" After the student refused to cooperate with law enforcement over the alleged hate crime and said she did not want to pursue the matter, local police closed the case. Villanova continued its own investigation, but quietly ended it without revealing any details about the purported hate crime.

November 11, 2016 — Taylor Volk, an openly bisexual female senior student

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at North Park University, in Chicago, claimed that she was harassed with a note taped to her door that indicated she should go "Back to hell." The note had homophobic slurs and was signed "#Trump." Volk further claimed she later received two anonymous e-mails containing similar messages. However, rather than initially reporting the incidents to police, she posted about them on her Facebook page, where she said, "This is a countrywide epidemic all of a sudden." Indeed it is, but not for the reasons claimed. Volk told Chicago's NBC 5 news, "I just want them to stop." However, it turned out that the "them" she was referring to was none other than herself. On November 22, 2016, North Park University's president announced that the notes were a hoax and that Volk was no longer enrolled at the university.

November 12, 2016 — St. David's Episcopal Church, an openly pro-LGBTQ church in Bean Blossom, Indiana, was vandalized with a spray-painted image of a swastika, and the words "Heil Trump" and "f*g church." Reverend Kelsey Hutto, the priest in charge of the church, expressed how she felt heartbroken by the incident and told reporters, "We stated one time that doing the right thing was not always the popular thing. We were targeted for a reason, and in our mind it was for a good reason." It turns out the church was vandalized by George Nathaniel "Nathan" Stang, 26, an openly gay man and organist at the church. Rather than being charged with hate crime, or falsifying one, he was only charged with a misdemeanor. Stang later admitted to reporters that he committed the crime because he felt "fearful, scared, and alone" following the election of Trump.

November 15, 2016 — Halley Bass, 21, a white woman from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and student at the University of Michigan, told Ann Arbor police that while she was on her way to Starbucks after leaving class that day, she was attacked by a Trump supporter who scratched her face. She told police that the man attacked her because she was wearing a campaign button that read "UK Remain," in opposition to Brexit (Britain's exit from the European Union). She also told police that her attack was part of a recent surge of hate crimes following Trump's election.

She later admitted to scratching herself, and as a result felt embarrassed by her appearance. At the encouragement of a friend, Bass testified, she decided to make up the hate crime as a cover and report it to police. On March 6, 2017, Bass pleaded guilty to falsely reporting a misdemeanor. She was fined $660 and sentenced to 93 days in jail. The judge later suspended her jail term as long as she followed the conditions of her probation, among which included taking prescribed medication and undergoing a mental health evaluation.

November 15, 2016 — A 20-year-old black man in Malden, Massachusetts, filed a police report claiming that shortly after getting off an MBTA bus near Broadway Square in Malden at 10 p.m., he was approached and harassed by two white men, who threatened to lynch him and proclaimed that this is "Trump country now." After prioritizing the case and re-interviewing the alleged victim, Malden Police Chief Kevin Molis said in a statement, "It has been determined that the story was completely fabricated." The fake victim confessed. Molis said that the man wanted to "raise awareness about things that are going on around the country."

December 1, 2016 — A young Muslim woman named Yasmin Seweid, 18, of New Hyde Park, Long Island, reported to the NYPD that she had been the victim of an Islamaphobic attack by three white Trump supporters aboard a subway train late at night. She claimed they harassed her and also attempted to steal her hijab. Two weeks later, the incident was revealed to be a hoax: She admitted to making up the whole ordeal after getting intoxicated with friends and being afraid of her strict Muslim Egyptian father, worried he might find out she was out late and drinking. On December 15, Seweid was arraigned in Manhattan Criminal Court, but was sentenced to only three days of community service

Trump derangement syndrome: The day after Trump was elected, Ashley Boyer, an African-American Delaware native, made the above post on Facebook, alleging that she was the victim of a racially motivated hate crime; however, Delaware State Police confirmed that the incident never occurred.

Lack of attacks: Nikki Joly, a leading LGBTQ activist in her community, set fire to her own house, killing her two dogs and three cats in the process, because there wasn't enough anti-LGBTQ discrimination to rally against.

and counseling in order to avoid having the incident go on her criminal record.

December 10, 2016 — Vincent Palmer, 27, a black man from Daytona Beach, Florida, faked a Trump-related hate crime because of a child custody dispute and outstanding child support owed to his ex-girlfriend. The incident began early that morning in Ormond Beach, Florida, when Palmer's ex-girlfriend found her car ablaze in her driveway. Police also found a sheet of paper taped on her mailbox that read: "I have wathed [sic] you for a long time you and your n****r kids don't belong." The word "Trump" was written on the backside of the sheet.

Police already had a warrant for Palmer's arrest over unpaid child support charges, and in an attempt to throw investigators off, he also faked his own abduction. Palmer's sister found her brother's jacket lying in the street by her car, which had bloody fingerprints on it and a threatening note. The note read: "KKK. I hate black men who f**k with white women. You will never see your grandson again alive." Feeling both frightened and confused, and unable to get a hold of Palmer, she called 911. Police officers later found Palmer, safe at a Burger King, where he confessed to staging everything. He was charged with second-degree arson. His elaborate ruse failed.

April 29, 2017 — Samantha Wells, a female black senior at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, alerted campus security that a typewritten racist note was left on the windshield of her car. She posted a photo of the note on Facebook, where it drew a lot of attention and outrage, especially from the college's black student body. The note read, "I'm so glad that you are leaving soon. One less n****r that the school has to deal with. You have spoken up too much. You will change nothing. Shut up or I will shut you up." The note was the ninth racist message reported since the school year began. Hours after her discovery, students held mass protests on campus, for which school administrators were forced to cancel classes. However, it turns out that Wells fabricated the note left on her windshield. In an e-mail to students, St. Olaf President David R. Anderson revealed that Wells confessed that she "fabricated" the anonymous typewritten note. "This was not a genuine threat," Anderson told students. "We're confident that there is no ongoing threat from this incident to individuals or the community as a whole." Although Wells only admitted to fabricating the one note on her windshield, there has been no word as to who was responsible for the eight previous notes and a few others since.

August 10, 2017 — In Jackson, Michigan, the house of a well-known local transgender activist (a woman who identifies as a man) named Nikki Joly, 54, was destroyed by a fire that also killed her two dogs and three cats. At the time, the FBI investigated the arson as a "hate crime." An investigation carried out by the Jackson Police Department and Michigan State Police quickly determined that the fire was caused by gasoline. The police became suspicious of Joly when they discovered that she had purchased $10 of gasoline from a local gas station on the morning of the fire.

Furthermore, based on the account she told police of where she was throughout the day of the fire, an anonymous arsonist would have only had a five-minute window to break in to her house, pour the gas in five rooms of the two-story house, start the fire, and then escape without being seen by anyone. In February 2019, Joly was arrested and charged with one felony count of first-degree arson and two counts of killing animals. According to the police report, church officials who knew her said she "had been frustrated the controversy over gay rights had died down with the passage of the non-discrimination law" and that "Joly was disappointed the Jackson Pride Parade and Festival, held five days before the blaze, hadn't received more attention or protests," the *Detroit News* reported. Joly faked the hate crime because of a lack of publicity (good or bad) for local LGBTQ activities; she wanted to draw more attention to herself and the agenda.

September 25, 2017 — Five black cadet candidates discovered racist messages written on whiteboards outside their dorm rooms at the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. One of the messages read, "Go home n****r," among other racial slurs. The incident prompted an investigation by academy police and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The scandal also made national headlines and even elicited a speech from USAF Lieutenant General Jay Silveria, who gave a passionate presentation that quickly went viral on social media, condemning the racism. CNN's coverage went so far as to fault Trump. "The election of President Donald Trump lifted the rock under which much of the hatred had hidden, allowing it to squirm out into the light," CNN's Frida Ghitis said during a broadcast report. However, it turns out that the perpetrator was in fact one of the black cadet candidates targeted in one of the messages. "We can confirm that one of the cadet candidates who was

Frame job: An openly pro-homosexual church in Indiana was vandalized, with the words "Heil Trump" and "f*g church" and an image of a swastika spray painted on the exterior church walls. The perpetrator was none other than the church's own organist, who is openly homosexual.

allegedly targeted by racist remarks written outside of their dorm room was actually responsible for the act," academy spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Allen Heritage said in a statement to the *Colorado Springs Gazette*. "The individual admitted responsibility and this was validated by the investigation."

September 2, 2018 — Adwoa Lewis, 19, of Long Island, New York, told Nassau County Police that as she was driving home, around 11 p.m., she was confronted by four white teenagers who yelled "Trump 2016" and told her she "didn't belong here." Lewis told police that when she woke up the next morning her tires had been slashed and that a note was left behind, which read "go home." After an extensive investigation, Lewis admitted to fabricating the entire story. She slashed her own tires and wrote the note. But again, CNN coverage went so far as to connect the supposed hate crime to Trump.

January 18, 2019 — Nicholas Sandmann, 16, a white male student from Covington Catholic High School in Kentucky, was accused by an elderly Native American named Nathan Phillips and by major media of taunting both blacks and Indians, and of trying to intimidate Phillips by standing in Phillips' path as he walked. A brief video showed Sandmann smiling amongst a crowd of kids as Phillips banged a drum in his face. Since Sandmann was wearing a red MAGA hat after the March for Life rally in Washington, D.C., media presented him as just another racist, privileged, white Trump supporter.

Though the story should have been poked full of holes early on by media because Phillips changed his story — first saying that Sandmann blocked him from walking to the top of the Lincoln Memorial, and then saying that Phillips had placed himself between the Covington students and four black men that the students "were in the process of attacking" — it wasn't vetted. In Phillips' second narrative, he claimed that when he intervened to help the blacks, the students (many wearing MAGA hats) redirected their anger at him, surrounding and taunting him.

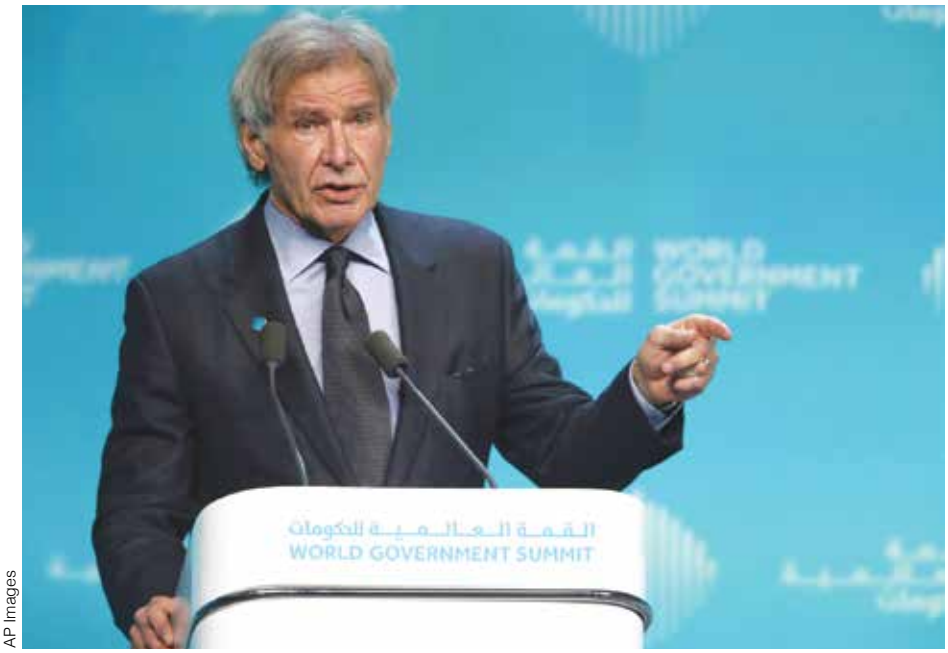
As a result, Sandmann quickly became the subject of a relentless smear campaign by the *Washington Post* and various Hollywood celebrities, portraying him as a racist. However, as more video came to light, it became clear that the black men referenced by Phillips were actually black supremacist Hebrew Israelites, who were not only taunting Sandmann and the other Covington Catholic High School students but also mocking the Indians, shouting vehemently racist comments about them. Furthermore, newer video showed that Phillips wasn't surrounded by the students, as he originally alleged, but rather he walked up to them to provoke a response. On February 19, Sandmann's attorney filed a defamation lawsuit against the *Washington Post* seeking $250 million in damages.

January 22 & 29, 2019 — On January 22, Jussie Smollett, 36, the openly gay, biracial actor on the show *Empire*, reported that he received a threatening letter depicting a crudely drawn stick figure hanging from a tree with a noose around its neck and a gun pointed at its head. The letter, which was written with what appeared to be cutout letters from magazines, read: "Smollett, Jussie you will die" and "MAGA." White powder was found with the letter, which authorities later confirmed was crushed Tylenol. Exactly one week later, while walking outside at 2 a.m. in Chicago, Smollett claimed, two white men wearing ski masks and red hats approached him and asked "Aren't you that f****t *Empire* n****r?" The men, Smollett claimed, beat him, put a noose around his neck, and poured "an unknown chemical substance" on him, which was later revealed to be bleach, and then ran off yelling, "This is MAGA country." When police responded to Smollett's call later that morning he was still wearing the noose around his neck, telling police that he didn't take it off because he didn't want to "tamper with evidence." Presidential candidates Senators Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) both described the alleged hate crime as "an attempted modern-day lynching." However, after an extensive investigation, the alleged perpetrators were discovered to be two Nigerian brothers who were acquaintances of Smollett. "Smollett paid $3,500 to stage this attack and drag Chicago's reputation through the mud in the process," Chicago Police Department Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson said at a press conference. "This stunt was orchestrated by Smollett because he was dissatisfied with his salary, so he concocted a story about being attacked." On February 20, Smollett was formally charged with a class 4 felony for filing a false police report. The next morning, he surrendered himself at the Chicago Police Department's Central Booking station, where he was placed under arrest.

The above list is by no means exhaustive, and more examples could easily have been cited. Sadly, more than likely those will not be the last fake hate crimes reported in the Trump era. ■

World Government Summit:
What You're Not Supposed to See

Elites are now openly making plans for global government — holding World Government Summits — yet hide their handiwork from Americans with the help of complicit media.



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Celebrity "science": Actor Harrison Ford, a celebrity headliner at the World Government Summit, denounced "nationalism" and president Trump, while pushing global-warming alarmism.

by William F. Jasper

"Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain," the fearsome electronic image of the Wizard of Oz bellowed at Dorothy. That command, of course, was aimed at directing her attention away from the real "wizard," who was pulling the levers behind the curtain. Something similar has occurred (again) regarding the recent World Government Summit. Yes, that is the official name of the event, an annual confab of high-powered movers and shakers: "the great and the good" of globalist affairs in national governments, the United Nations, NGOs, media, academia, philanthropy, and entertainment. Since 2013, the World Government Summit (WGS), a three-day event, has drawn dictators, presidents, prime ministers, kings, emirs, sheikhs, central bankers, Nobel laureates, movie stars, corporate CEOs, and more, to Dubai, the gleaming jewel of the United Arab Emirates.

More than 4,000 high-profile notables swarmed to this year's WGS (February 10-12), among whom were actor Harrison Ford, International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde, UNICEF boss Henrietta Fore, UN General Assembly President Maria Espinoza, left-wing news maven Arianna Huffington, former Obama official and Big Brother advocate Cass Sunstein, left-wing economist and *New York Times* opinionator Paul Krugman, motivational guru Tony Robbins, New York University law professor Arthur R. Miller, and Columbia University professor and UN advisor Jeffrey Sachs. Opening the global affair was none other than Pope Francis, who blessed the conferees and their mission in a pre-recorded video message.

The WGS has become the desert version of the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) shindigs in Davos, Switzerland, featuring many of the same celebrities, moguls, and "public servant" VIPs, most of whom fly into the ultra-extravagant UAE on private jets (naturally) to lecture humanity on the need to "reduce, reuse, recycle" — all in the interest of reducing carbon footprints, of course. In fact, a keynote speaker at WSG 2019 was Professor Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the WEF, who presides over the Davos gatherings. His lecture this year to his esteemed World Government Summit confreres was "Globilisation 4.0." These assembled worthies, whom the WSG describes as "world leaders, international organizations' representatives, thinkers, and experts from over 150 countries," weighed in on a host of heavy topics, as they discussed "shaping the future of the world." Indeed, according to the WSG website, the organization sees itself as "a global platform dedicated to shaping the future of governments worldwide." "Each year," it says, "the Summit sets the agenda for the next generation of governments."

With all the glitter, glamour, and glory on display, and with the momentous, world-affecting agenda they advocate, one might think that the star-studded WGS soirée would be a top news event, yes? But no, barely a word in the "mainstream"

news, other than snippets that could pass for PR releases. Hmm. What's happening here? Did the WGS folks forget to inform the world media organizations about the summit? Are those desert sheiks relying on incompetent Bedouin camel drivers to run their public relations department? Did Big Media not get the memo? No, no, and no, to the last three questions. Turns out Big Media *did* know all about the event. In fact, many of them were official *partners* of the conference. The WGS website lists CNN, Sky News, the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, Bloomberg, and CNBC among its "media partners." And as noted above, Arianna Huffington, founder of the online Huffington Post and Thrive Global, was a featured speaker, as was CNN presenter Becky Anderson. Many of the other luminaries gracing the WGS stage are also regularly featured as "experts" on the establishment media news programs and talking-head news analysis shows.

However, chances are, unless you were reading The New American online, you probably saw or heard nary a word about this august gathering. Over the past several years, we have provided one of the few portholes regularly allowing inquiring minds worldwide to get a glimpse into this program of global engineers who are planning our future. On February 22, we published Alex Newman's overview of WGS 2019 entitled "At 'World Government Summit,' Globalists Push UN Agenda 2030." Aside from Newman's incisive analysis, there was very scant reportage on this remarkable event. As his title suggests, a considerable focus of the summit was the promotion of the United Nations' Agenda 2030, more formally known as the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UN formally unveiled this master plan for humanity, comprised of 17 SDGs and 169 specific "targets," in September 2015, with the publication of its manifesto entitled *Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. (For more information about this planned transformation to global governance using sustainability as a pretext, see Alex Newman's article online at TheNewAmerican.com.)

As to be expected, the globalist choir, including the supposed watchdogs of the Fourth Estate, generally greeted the proposed Agenda 2030/SDG program with hearty huzzahs and applause. No negative words for an agenda of global central planning and micromanagement by bureaucrats. No media protests against the fact that this scheme was confected by the UN with the help of blood-drenched communist and Islamist regimes, along with oppressive authoritarian governments and anti-freedom NGOs.

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United globalists: International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde speaks at Dubai. The UN, IMF, World Bank, WTO, and WHO are some of the official "partners" of the World Government Summit.

So it may be worthwhile to examine why this noteworthy event, the World Government Summit, was conspicuously downplayed and omitted from the news cycle by most of the major media.

Scheming in "Out-of-the-way Places and With Little Ado"

You see, we are supposed to "pay no attention to that man behind the curtain." While most organizations seek media attention to promote their goals and membership, the WGS and other similar elite gatherings have other things in mind. They are building an elite consensus, a critical mass of world "thought leaders," and it would not do to stir up "berserker nativism" against their globalist plans before they are ready to spring it on the world as a *fait accompli* and present it as a universally approved agenda that is futile to oppose.

The "berserker nativism" remark comes from Michael Hirsh, a certified internationalist. Hirsh is a senior correspondent for *Foreign Policy* magazine, the leftist establishment journal launched by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (the "prestigious" think tank that can boast of Soviet agent Alger Hiss as one of its presidents — as well as a long list of subversives among its board members, staff, and scholars). He has also written for *Newsweek*, *Politico*, the *Washington Post*, and *Foreign Affairs*, and has been a frequent commentator on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, Fox News, *The Young Turks*, and other programs. Hirsh, like many of his *Foreign Policy* and Carnegie colleagues, as well as many other members of the elite media, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the premier establishment brain trust promoting world government for the past century.

In a special issue of the international edition of *Newsweek* (edited by CFR member Fareed Zakaria) in 2001, Hirsh let it be known that he understood the necessity for his internationalist comrades to keep their plans largely under cover, away from the prying eyes of the great unwashed. According to Hirsh, "The internationalists were always hard at work in quiet places making plans for a more perfect global community." "In the end," he said, "the internationalists have always dominated national policy. Even so, they haven't bragged about their globe-building for fear of reawakening the other half of the American psyche, our berserker nativism. And so they have always done it in the most out-of-the-way places and with little ado."

Hirsh's remarkable admission appeared in a "Special Davos Edition" of *Newsweek* for December 2001-February 2002, which was intended primarily for consumption by the elite attending the annual insider conclave at the World Economic Forum in Davos. His *Newsweek* revelation continued, noting the formation of the CFR, initially as a group known as the Inquiry, at the end of World War I:

> In December 1917 the Inquiry, a group of eager reformers who included a young Walter Lippmann, secretly met in New York to draw up Wilson's Fourteen Points [which proposed, among other things, the formation of the League of Nations, the first effort at world government]. In 1941, FDR concocted the Atlantic Charter in the mists off Newfoundland. The dense woods of New Hampshire gave birth to the Bretton Woods institutions — the IMF and World Bank — in 1944. And a year later the United Nations came to life at the secluded Georgetown estate of Dumbarton Oaks.... So what emerged took us more or less by surprise. We had built a global order without quite realizing it, bit by bit, era by era.

Is Hirsh appalled or even concerned by the historical facts showing that a Deep State coterie of internationalists has taken de facto control of our government and has been working furtively for decades to undermine America's constitutional order and national sovereignty? Apparently not; in fact he emphatically endorses the treason. Indeed, he insists in his *Newsweek* piece, "We must now embrace the global community we ourselves built." Is that not rich? "We ourselves?" Hirsh clearly implies that we, the American people, must now accept what the CFR "Wise Men" have created in our name. It's for our own good and the good of the planet. And although we, the American people, may be taken "more or less by surprise" at the sudden appearance of the multitude of new international constraints on our sovereignty, it is certain that the CFR "we," to whom Hirsh is also speaking, realize precisely the world state they have been building "bit by bit."

The Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), the CFR's British sister organization, has likewise played an important role forging the evolving world state in "out-of-the-way places and with little ado." In a 1931 address to select globalists in Copenhagen, Denmark, for example, the famous historian (and RIIA staff leader) Arnold J. Toynbee bitterly denounced national sovereignty as "the abomination of desolations." He went on to say: "I will merely repeat that we are at present working, discreetly but with all our might, to wrest this mysterious political force called sovereignty out of the clutches of the local national states of our world. And all the time we are denying with our lips what we are doing with our hands."

Future utopia — or dystopia? World Government Summit attendees visit the "Edge of Government" exhibition at the summit's Museum of the Future.

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The Hirsh/*Newsweek* admission is not the only revelation of this sort from elitist insiders sympathetic to, and involved in, the globalist schemes for world government. In a September 21, 2013 article for *Salon* entitled "Elites' Strange Plot to Take Over the World," Matt Stoller writes about the now largely forgotten efforts of Clarence Streit and his fellow world federalists to create an Atlantic Union uniting North America and Western Europe under a trans-Atlantic government, a movement that flourished from the 1930s through the 1970s. "Though the proposal for Atlantic Union has been written out of liberal historical memory, there are echoes of this episode in right-wing rhetoric about One World Government," notes Stoller. "The irony of this," he remarks, "is that, as liberals gently chuckle at right-wing paranoia about what they perceive as an imagined plot to create a world government, it is the conservatives who have a more accurate read on history. There was a serious plan to get rid of American sovereignty in favor of a globalist movement, and the various institutions the right wing hates — the IMF, the World Bank, the U.N. — were seen as stepping stones to it."

Stoller approvingly notes that the organized push for world government did not end; it merely morphed into newer shapes. "The institutional framework of a world government composed of Western European and American states remains far more potent than we like to imagine," the *Salon* writer observes, citing free trade agreements under which "U.S. courts have been subordinated to international tribunals, which operate according to rules laid out either by the World Trade Organization," or by other UN institutions.

"There are other deep links," Stoller comments, such as the Basel banking accords of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), under which the Federal Reserve "became the central banker to the world." In all areas, "the global elites push onward, regardless, towards a one world solution." Yes, that is precisely what this magazine has been reporting — and sub-

stantiating with detailed evidence — for many years. The Hirsh and Stoller admissions are far from the only confirmations from the "horse's mouth," so to speak.

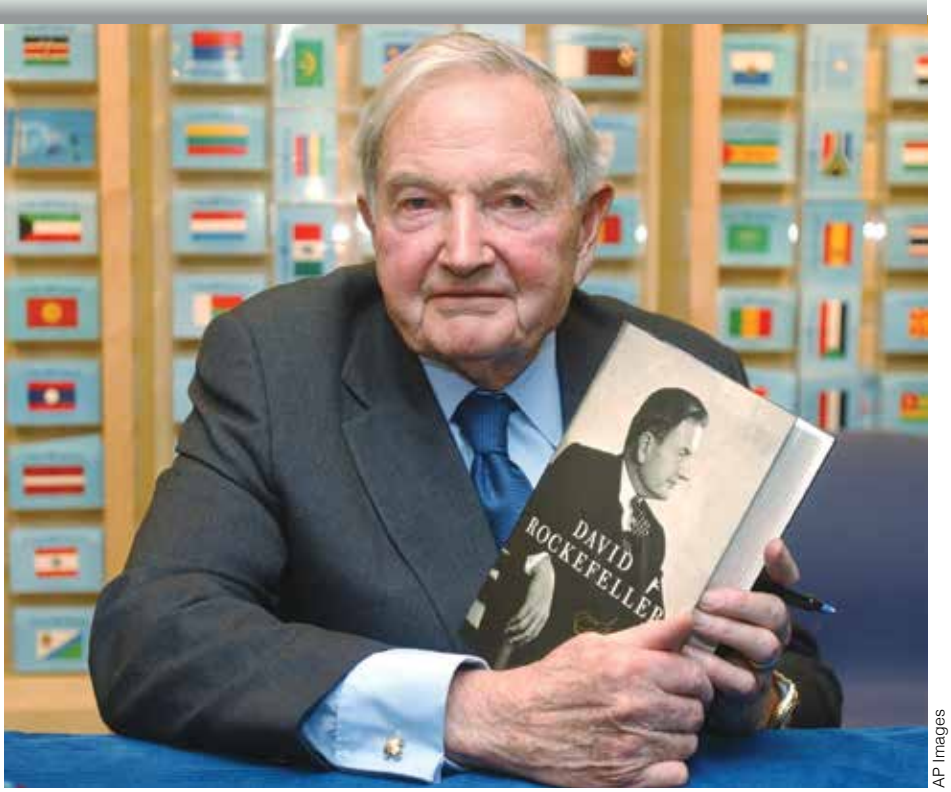
Admissions and Accusations

It would be difficult to name any individual of the past century who more epitomized the globalist establishment than banker David Rockefeller, a longtime leader of the CFR and the secretive Bilderberg Group, as well as founder of the Trilateral Commission, the Council of the Americas, and many other elite one-world organizations. Rockefeller, who died in 2017 at the age of 101, made a startling confession in *Memoirs*, his 2002 autobiography. He stated:

> For more than a century ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well-publicized incidents such as my encounter with Castro to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.

Years earlier, at the 1991 Bilderberg Conference, Rockefeller commented off the record, in remarks that were meant only for the elite attendees:

> We are grateful to the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *Time* magazine, and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost 40 years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years. But the world is more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries.



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Bankster globalist: David Rockefeller, longtime leader of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Council on Foreign Relations, and Trilateral Commission, at a book-signing party at the United Nations for his book *Memoirs* — a book in which he frankly admits to being an anti-American globalist.

Yes, the *Times*, *Post*, CNN, NBC, and other denizens of the Fake News cabal have kept mum about this treasonous plot not only against the citizens of their own country, but against humanity. However, they have gone further than merely maintaining silence in opposition to their obligation to inform. They have provided a bodyguard of lies, denying the world-government schemes of their globalist comrades and labeling as "tin-foil hat" kooks and paranoid "conspiracy theorists" anyone who dares to speak truth to power on this issue.

One measure of the effectiveness of their propaganda is that the mere mention of world government, the New World Order, Agenda 21/Agenda 2030, or dozens of other related subjects is enough to put one beyond the pale, triggering eye-rolls, sneers, and exasperated sighs from those who have been conditioned to believe such things don't even exist, or can be explained benignly.

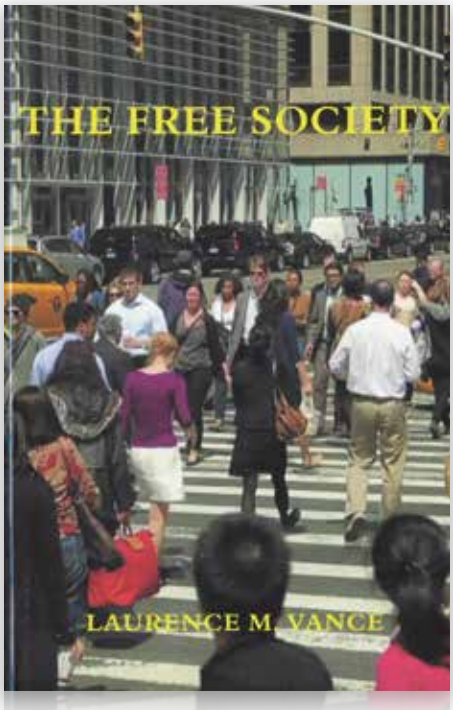
Fareed Zakaria, for instance, spoofs conspiracy theory on his CNN program *Fareed Zakaria GPS* and in his *Washington Post* columns. He is a member and director of the CFR and an attendee at Bilderberg. In his essay "Why do we embrace conspiracy theories?" he says that Bilderberg meetings are boring and banal, and he has "been disappointed and relieved to find they were pretty much like the world on the outside."

However, in his book *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making*, David Rothkopf (CFR) posits that about 7,000 individuals (CEOs, bankers, political brahmins, NGO/IGO chiefs, media mandarins, etc.) basically run the world and set the global agenda. He offers some criticism of certain abuses of power by the Power Elite (of which he is a member), but, in general, celebrates their enlightened leadership, which increasingly transcends and eclipses national sovereignty. Rothkopf, a protégé of Henry Kissinger and a former Obama administration official, is a paid lobbyist/media consultant ($50,000 per month) for the United Arab Emirates, which hosts the World Government Summits, where Rothkopf's Superclass pals can scheme global schemes in "out-of-the-way places and with little ado."

Yes, obey your betters, the new Superclass: "Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain." ■

ARE WE REALLY FREE?

Writer Laurence Vance has compiled many of his essays into a book to argue the Libertarian view on such things as personal freedom, education, crime, discrimination, and more.



***The Free Society*,** by Laurence M. Vance: Orlando, Vance Publications, 2018, 468 pages, paperback.

by John T. Larabell

Americans often boast that they live in a free country. Our national anthem says we live in the "land of the free," and another popular patriotic song contains the line, "at least I know I'm free."

But how free are we really? According to conservative Christian libertarian writer Laurence M. Vance in his latest book, *The Free Society*, Americans live in a "relatively free" society. As Vance notes in the summary of the book on the back cover,

> Most Americans think they live in a free society. They think that because they can find fifty varieties of salad dressing at the grocery store, choose from among a hundred types of wine at the liquor store, select a television channel from over 1,000 choices, download any movie or song they want from the Internet, and sit at home for hours playing the latest video game that they live in a free society. They are oblivious to the extent of government encroachment on their freedoms. They are complacent when it comes to government edicts. And they are ignorant as to what a free society really means.

So what, then, is a "free society"? In his typical clear, detailed manner, Vance explains this in *The Free Society*.

The Free Society is a collection of 127 of Vance's essays, written between 2005 and 2017. The book is divided into seven chapters, each chapter containing essays related to the particular chapter title.

Chapter 1, "Libertarianism: Theory," provides the reader an introduction as to what is, and is not, libertarianism. Vance makes clear that just because someone smokes pot, owns an AR-15, or lives an "alternative" sexual lifestyle does not mean he is a libertarian. As Vance writes in one of the essays in Chapter 1,

> I am a libertarian. I subscribe to the non-aggression principle that says, in the words of Murray Rothbard: "The only proper role of violence is to defend person and property against violence, that any use of violence that goes beyond such just defense is itself aggressive, unjust, and criminal. Libertarianism, therefore, is a theory which states that everyone should be free of violent invasion, should be free to do as he sees fit except invade the person or property of another."…
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> I am a libertarian. I am not a libertine. I am not a hedonist. I am not a moral relativist. I am not a devotee of some alternative lifestyle. I am not a revolutionary. I am not a nihilist. I neither wish to associate with nor aggress against those who are. I believe in the absolute freedom of association and discrimination.

Chapter 2, entitled "Libertarianism: Practice," offers libertarian views on various hot-button issues in America, such as education, healthcare, poverty, foreign policy, and the economy.

In Chapter 3, "Libertarianism vs. Liberalism/Conservatism," Vance compares the libertarian views on the aforementioned issues to those proffered by liberals and conservatives, who both feel that society's problems should be solved by some sort of government program or intervention. A libertarian, Vance explains, is opposed to the solutions given by both liberals and conservatives, since government has no business trying to "solve" society's problems with taxpayers' money and government agencies.

In Chapter 4, "Discrimination and Free Association," Vance addresses an issue that many on the Left and Right often feel warrants government regulation: businesses discriminating. In a free society, writes Vance, business owners should be able to discriminate against anyone for any reason or for no reason at all, regardless if it is bigoted, racist, intolerant, or just plain stupid. The government should not use force to make people not discriminate, as that goes beyond the proper role of government.

Chapter 5, "Victimless Crimes," deals with issues such as soliciting prostitution, drug use, and gambling, which Vance calls "vices." Vices are not crimes, he writes, and therefore government should not attempt to regulate or criminalize such behaviors.

In Chapter 6, "The Free Market," Vance

elaborates on controversial subjects such as "price gouging," minimum-wage laws, and a "just price." For libertarians, Vance writes, there is no such thing as "price gouging" since any price agreed upon between a seller and a willing buyer is a "just price." Laws against "price gouging," therefore, should not exist. As for a minimum wage, again, the government should not get involved. Whatever wage a person and his prospective employer agree upon should be allowed in a free society. Vance also takes to task the whole concept of government-mandated licensing requirements for many occupations (the laws for which, of course, vary greatly from state to state):

> Proponents of occupational licensing would have us believe that without licensing, barbers would give customers bad haircuts, cosmetologists would ruin their hair, fire-alarm installers would incorrectly wire fire alarms, bartenders would mix us the wrong drinks, coaches would never win a game, funeral attendants would not properly dress one's dead grandmother, EMTs would allow patients to die, travel agents would book travelers on wrong flights, accountants would prepare incorrect financial statements, security guards would allow burglars to break in, child-care workers would molest children, skin-care specialists would damage customers' skin, taxi drivers would drop passengers off on the wrong street, pest-control applicators would not be able to kill bugs, sign-language interpreters would tell deaf people the wrong thing, pharmacy technicians would give out the wrong drugs, taxidermists wouldn't stuff a dead pet properly, auctioneers would not be able to sell anything, and milk samplers would allow sour milk to be distributed.

Vance suggests private certification for occupations, such as ASE certification for auto mechanics, is a much better option.

Chapter 7, "The Free Society," discusses various issues such as tobacco laws, drinking-age laws, handicapped parking, discounts for certain groups and not others, and other miscellaneous areas in which government regulations prevent Americans from living in a truly free society.

Vance, being a conservative Christian, is opposed to abortion and believes it should not be legal. While this is contrary to the view of many calling themselves libertarians, Vance explains that being anti-abortion is perfectly consistent with the non-aggression principle of libertarianism:

> I have argued … that because the non-aggression axiom is central to libertarianism, and because force is justified only in self-defense, and because it is wrong to threaten or initiate violence against a person or his property, and because killing is the ultimate form of aggression that, to be consistent, libertarians should be opposed to abortion….
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> Being pro-life and libertarian is not contradictory. However, being pro-life and conservative may very well be because of the conservative propensity to support acts of violence committed by the U.S. military. Because of their opposition to senseless foreign wars and an interventionist foreign policy, libertarians can actually be more consistently pro-life than conservatives.

Many libertarians are also in favor of what they (and many others) call same-sex marriage. As a Christian, Vance believes that a same-sex union is not a legitimate marriage, but he also believes that government should have nothing to do with marriage in the first place. In this case, same-sex marriage would be neither legal nor illegal.

So do Americans live in a free society? When compared to countries such as North Korea, China, Iran, Cuba, or Venezuela, America certainly looks like a bastion of freedom. But upon closer examination, one quickly realizes that Americans are subject to a great number of restrictions on their freedoms from an overreaching "nanny state" government, on a level greater than that of some socialist European nations.

The main premise of *The Free Society* is that people should be free to live as they wish without government interference as long as they are not doing violence to anyone else. This includes being able to run businesses as they wish free of government regulation. It is not the government's role to limit a person's freedoms, unless that person has limited another person's freedoms.

The Free Society is well-written, informative, and, as mentioned above, written in Vance's typical clear, detailed manner. Vance lays out his arguments very well, and it is difficult to disagree with his reasoning.

As far as any negatives, the book is a collection of essays, so there is some overlap of material within chapters, but Vance mentions this in the introduction, and it is not really an obstacle. One point that some might consider a flaw in the book is that Vance does not discuss immigration/borders and free trade/tariffs, both topics of interest to many libertarians and Americans in general.

Vance's book is an excellent compilation of essays on the topics he addresses, and overall does a very good job of making the case for a free society. Readers who do not consider themselves libertarians could certainly find the book worthwhile, and will certainly have their views challenged on some points. ■

Free Pizza, Warm Hearts

When York County, Pennsylvania, was struck by yet another snowstorm in February, Delta Pizza stayed open to serve the first responders and anyone who needed a warm place to wait out the snow and get a hot meal.

"We are open for anyone that needs us and can make it here safely," Delta Pizza owner Sal Ferranti posted on Facebook on February 20. "We are here for walk-ins; and, for safety of drivers, we will not deliver. I will, personally, deliver to EMS, fire department, road crews, work sites, seniors, kids or anyone that really needs it. If you are cold or have no food or you can make it here safely, you are welcome to come here at restaurant or lounge and stay as long as you like even if you have no money. Please share post."

The post received a lot of attention from local residents, and the story was picked up by local news outlet Fox43.

First responders were pleased by Ferranti's offer.

"That means a lot to us. We actually do a lot that people don't know about, we don't eat normal hours, we don't sleep normal hours. And that's great because we don't get offers like that very often," said Amanda Bray, a local EMT.

According to Fox43, Ferranti did more than just serve free pizza to those who needed it during that storm. When a single mother of a one-year-old called the pizzeria and asked for food for her and her child, Ferranti delivered — literally.

"Unfortunately, I don't have any food for the young child since she's only a year old," Sal told Fox43. So he took it upon himself to make a trip to the grocery store and get food for the mother and her baby.

"If you're a single mom and you have a child and no vehicle and no house and no money, this would be a very, very enormous task," said Sal.

Sal asserts that he feels blessed to have his local community: "The message is that we're all stronger together than just me alone, and this town is a true reflection of that." When a fire severely damaged Delta Pizza in 2013, the local community came together to help. They raised more than $1,900 (which Ferranti later donated to charity) and offered their services in helping to repair the building.

"I look outside, and to my amazement, there was a bunch of Amish buggies, and a bunch of Amish people that came to help," Ferranti told the *York Daily Record* in 2015. "It was really, really amazing to me."

Ferranti had become well known to the Amish community by giving away leftover food to local families, *York Daily Record* reported.

When Ferranti reopened the pizzeria nearly two years after the fire, the community showed its loyalty and faithfulness by placing 198 orders on the first day.

Bad News, Good News

When a single mom named Alex brought her car to America's Tire Company in Hemet, California, in February to fix a flat tire, she was in for a shock. Two shocks, actually: the first bad, the second good.

Not only did Alex need to replace the flat tire, but her other three non-flat tires were bald and needed to be replaced as well. All four tires were going to cost her $1,400, and she simply could not afford that. But the store owners were concerned that the tires were no longer safe.

Alex was understandably upset.

That, as you can imagine, was the "bad shock."

Then a man known only as Phil stepped in. According to a Facebook post written by Sergio Rodriguez, one of the other patrons of America's Tire Company, Phil immediately intervened when he heard the interaction and said simply, "I'll buy all four tires for her."

The post reads, "The entire store was in shock. Alex said thank you about 100 times. Phil was mister smooth and humble, with a big heart."

All Phil asked was that Alex "pay it forward."

Riverside County News Source later caught up with Alex to ask about her good Samaritan. She said she was "so thankful" for Phil. "I've never seen anything like that happen, doing something that big for a complete stranger," she said.

Alex told the news outlet that her car had been "sliding around for weeks" and had been particularly troublesome during the recent bouts of rain that caused the roads to become slick.

Rodriguez' Facebook post generated comments from people who said that Phil's actions restored their faith in humanity. And as it turns out, Phil received something in return. When the manager of America's Tire Company learned what Phil did for Alex, he gave him two of the four sensors he needed for his vehicle for free.

You Will Never Forget It

A pregnant waitress was in for the surprise of her life when a police officer gave her a $100 tip on an $8 bill.

Courtney English, 23, of Gloucester Township, New Jersey, was eight months pregnant but still "working her butt off" to save as she approached her due date.

A local police officer, who wished to remain anonymous, overheard her telling some of the patrons how excited she was about the baby. The officer only recently had his first child and knew exactly the joy that English felt.

"He recently just had his first child so he was a little emotional and saying that was the greatest day of his life and it's gonna change her life," Nick Hionas, the owner of the diner, told KGO-TV.

Unbeknownst to English, the officer left her a $100 tip on his $8.75 tab with a note that read, "Enjoy your 1st. You will never forget it."

English thought it was a mistake. When she realized that the officer intended to tip her that much, she began to cry, People.com reported.

"This doesn't happen. It was really genuine, it was really nice," she said.

English's father posted about the encounter in a February 16 Facebook post to honor the officer who made his daughter's day. "I always had the utmost respect for Officers, but you went above and beyond not just an officer, but a beautiful human being," he wrote. ■

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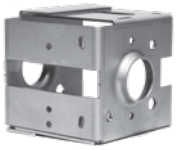

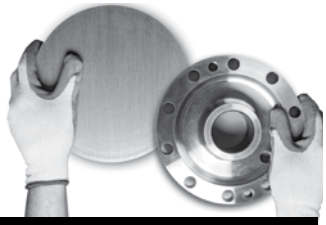

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The Left's Flawed Cause Célèbres

The Left has a long and sordid history of casting perpetrators, criminals, and even murderers as innocent victims and martyrs.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

You didn't need to see more than 60 seconds of the video to know what the narrative would be when "Native American elder" and "Vietnam veteran" Nathan Phillips confronted the boys of Covington Catholic High School, who had gathered at the Lincoln Memorial after attending the March for Life.

Backed by ranting Indian protesters, Phillips approached the boys, banged what appeared to be a ceremonial drum, and chanted in his unintelligible native tongue. The short video supposedly showed the boys, some of whom were wearing MAGA hats, taunting Phillips. According to the leftist spin, they were the villains; he was the victim.

Phillips was the perfect hero for the Evil White Man-Good Red Man narrative the Left would use to manufacture the latest moral panic. Because he is a "Native American," he is the rightful occupant of any space he chooses because his land "was stolen." Because he was an "elder," he was a wizened Indian sage. Not insignificantly, he was also a battle-tested former "recon ranger" in the Marines who had "served in Vietnam."

The Covington boys, on the other hand, were cast as "privileged" white racists who were also anti-abortion and Christian. Even the smile on the face of Nick Sandmann, the 16-year-old boy who stood nose-to-nose with Phillips in the video, was repeatedly described as a "smirk" in media accounts to fit the leftist narrative.

And then the truth surfaced. A group called the Black Hebrew Israelites had shouted and yelled at the boys, the Indians, and passersby. The boys performed school chants to drown out the black radicals. Phillips ignored the real source of the trouble, the black radicals, and approached Sandmann, beating his drum.

Military records showed that Phillips was neither a "recon ranger" nor a Vietnam vet. He was a refrigerator repairman who never left the United States but was Absent Without Leave (AWOL) more than once.

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A face of fraud: Nathan Phillips, shown here at a 2017 protest, falsely claimed that white Catholic boys wearing MAGA hats had attacked him with racist taunts and ridicule in January 2019.

Court records showed that Phillips was, many moons ago, a violent criminal who broke out of prison.

Full video showed that the boys did not shout racist epithets, or slogans such as "build the wall," or "it's not rape if you enjoy it." The Black Hebrew Israelites shouted "build the wall," and someone who did not go to Covington Catholic yelled the unconscionable rape remark.

Why did the media recklessly malign the Covington boys? In a very real sense, the boys were collateral damage. The establishment media loathes President Trump and his supporters. The boys — white, pro-life, and, again, wearing MAGA hats — were a target for the media to advance their anti-Trump narrative.

The Phillips-Sandmann story, the subject of two defamation lawsuits with more to come, is one of many from the Left that follow a remarkably consistent narrative with stock protagonists and antagonists. The protagonists are often "innocent" blacks, other minorities, or immigrants. The antagonists are often "racist" white men or cops who attack without provocation, and a "corrupt" criminal justice system that unjustly persecutes and convicts the "innocent" protagonists.

The false narrative might or might not involve race, but like Phillips, the protagonists in these elaborately staged dramas often have something in common. They are liars, phonies, and criminals. Going back almost 100 years, the Left has frequently adopted dangerous criminals and even convicted murderers as "victims" to advance its revolutionary goals.

Sacco and Vanzetti

Traveling back 10 decades lands one in the middle of perhaps the most sensational murder trial of the 20th century, that of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. They were Italian immigrants and anarchists who were tried and convicted for murdering two men during a robbery

The Left and its media auxiliaries adhere to the unprincipled Machiavellian precept that the ends justify the means.

of a shoe-company payroll in Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1920. The pair were executed in 1927.

Despite evidence that persuaded a jury of their guilt, they were two of the stock protagonists with whom the Left has spun false narratives ever since. The Left advanced myriad allegations of injustice: Cops and prosecutors framed the men because they were Italian immigrants or because they were anarchists. Cops bungled the ballistics tests. The trial was "unfair." The fix was in.

The two Italian anarchists became a planetary cause. The Left staged protests even in Sydney, Australia. Supporters included H. G. Wells, Albert Einstein, George Bernard Shaw, Dos Passos, Dorothy Parker, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and, most importantly, Upton Sinclair, who wrote a fictionalized account of the murder and trial in a novel, *Boston*. Sinclair claimed the executions were "the most shocking crime that has been committed in American history since the assassination of Abraham Lincoln."

Ballistics tests in 1961 and 1983 confirmed Sacco's gun was the murder weapon, although one historian has suggested prosecutorial skullduggery with the bullets. That's doubtful, given what we learned from Sinclair, who wrote a letter that described an eye-opening meeting with Fred Moore, the pair's socialist attorney, whom they fired in 1924:

> When I went to Boston the last time in October 1928, I was completely naive about the Sacco-Vanzetti case, having accepted the defense propaganda entirely. But I very quickly began to sense something wrong in the situation. There was an air of mystery about the Boston anarchists, and I saw they had something to conceal. Then in Sacco's cross examination, I detected what seemed to be a slip in his alibi. I began asking catch questions, and ultimately I got the admission from one of the leading defense witnesses that his testimony had been framed. I got a virtual admission of the same thing from another witness. It became certain to me that Sacco at least had been concerned in the dynamitings which had occurred in New England just after the war, and I supposed that this was what was being hidden from me. I remained of the opinion that both men had been unquestionably innocent…. Their trial had manifestly not been a fair one, and on that basis I was prepared to defend their right to a new trial. That was my state of mind at the time that I agreed with The Bookman for the serial publication of "Boston."
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> But on my way to Denver, where I had arranged by telegraph to meet Fred Moore, I turned the matter over in my own mind, and doubts began to assail me. Alone in a hotel room with Fred I begged him to tell me the full truth. His reply was, "First tell me what you have got…." I told him that I knew that the men were not merely terrorists, but that they were guilty of the holdup. His reply was, "Since you have got the whole story there is no use my holding anything back," and he then told me that the men were guilty, and he told me in every detail how he had framed a set of alibis for them. He said that there were quite a group of terrorist anarchists who had been supporting the movement by various kinds of payroll holdups.

Moore wasn't the only defense attorney who admitted their guilt. So did Roger Baldwin, founder of the American Civil Liberties Union. "He told me there was no possible doubt of the guilt of Sacco and Vanzetti, and that the militant anarchists had financed themselves that way for years, both here and abroad," Sinclair wrote. "They never took the money for themselves, but only for the movement, and this constituted them idealists and heroes from the point of view of extreme class war theories."

That "movement" took up the Sacco-Vanzetti cause. Baldwin's ACLU, the "movement's" subversive legal arm, helped to manufacture the martyr narrative for a reason: to depict American courts as deeply hateful and unjust, which would undermine law and order and soften American society for revolution. Such is the mythology about the pair of killers that even Tony Soprano, the main character in HBO's *The Sopranos*, cited them as victims of anti-Italian, anti-immigrant hatred.

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Backing criminals for a cause: Organized leftists around the globe protested the murder trial and execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, the Italian immigrant anarchists convicted of murder. This is one of the stores vandalized by rioters. Supporter Upton Sinclair later found out they were guilty.

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Propaganda props: George Zimmerman shot and killed Trayvon Martin in self-defense, yet the Left has made Martin another face of its anti-police messaging. Protesters staged "Justice for Trayvon" rallies across the country, including the one shown here.

Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown

That same movement is still operating, and after Sacco and Vanzetti, it introduced the country to myriad "victims" of injustice. Two of the most recent, who caused a global racial hysteria, were Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown.

Brown's death helped the Left retail another destabilizing narrative, the false white cop-black victim tale, which runs something like this: The "unarmed" suspect was innocently "walking while black," when, all of a sudden, a white cop "overreacted" to an "innocent" gesture and shot him. Martin's death offered the corollary armed white guy-black victim narrative. A white racist killed a black "teen" who was, again, "walking while black." The "victims" in those narratives are Brown and Martin.

The myth that grows from the narratives is that whites, either cops or gun-toting white civilians, murder innocent unarmed blacks with impunity — and get away with it. It's open season on blacks. The narrative's consumers, the reading and viewing public, are supposed to believe that the principal threat for young blacks, or even older ones, is the unhinged white racist, particularly one wearing a blue uniform and silver badge.

Yet this is palpably false. FBI crime data show that almost 100 percent of murders are *intraracial*: blacks murder blacks and whites murder whites. But they also show that blacks are much more likely to murder other blacks or whites than whites are to murder blacks. The data also show that most blacks who wind up dead at the hands of police had weapons and were dangerous. In other words, if blacks want to know "who is killing these black victims," as the Manhattan Institute's Heather Mac Donald has written, they must look inward. It's "not whites, and not the police, but other blacks."

But the media megaphone brought to bear on the news that police have killed another "unarmed black man" blocks our hearing that truth. The harangue from that bullhorn not only establishes a narrative of unrelenting racial injustice perpetrated by whites, but also undermines the authority of local police by depicting them as racially biased. That, of course, requires more federal "oversight" of the police, more subsidies for the "victimized" minorities, and, in keeping with the Left's goal of concentrating more power in the federal government, the eventual creation of a national police force.

The unfortunate shootings of Martin and Brown provide examples.

Trayvon Martin: Martin wasn't an innocent victim. He attacked neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman, who shot him in self-defense in Sanford, Florida, in 2012.

According to the media spin, Martin was innocently "walking while black" in his apartment complex, eating skittles and drinking Arizona "Iced Tea" — which turned out to be Watermelon Fruit Juice Cocktail — when the evil Zimmerman appeared from nowhere, followed him, and shot him to death. The *New York Times* helpfully described Zimmerman as a "white Hispanic," which ensured that "white" appeared in the story to fortify its stark racial spin. The media repeatedly used five-year-old photos of Martin, who at the time of the shooting was 17, and 5 feet 11 inches tall, to suggest that Zimmerman had murdered a "child."

In truth, Zimmerman shot Martin because the "child" attacked him and was smashing his skull into the pavement. Had Zimmerman not been armed, Martin might likely have been arrested for murder. Even three years later, however, the *Washington Post* published this falsehood: "Zimmerman fatally shot Martin while the unarmed African American 17-year-old was walking in Sanford, Fla."

One of Martin's friends testified that Martin likely attacked because he thought Zimmerman was a homosexual predator, but in any event a jury acquitted the "white Hispanic." The Left mobilized "Justice for Trayvon" rallies in 100 cities. Black Lives Matter was born.

Then the Obama Justice Department stepped in. It hoped to convict Zimmerman for violating Martin's civil rights by proving the "white Hispanic's" racial animus. The Obama FBI's gumshoes reluctantly admitted failure:

> Federal investigators reviewed all of the material and evidence … including witness statements, crime scene evidence, cell phone data, ballistics reports, reconstruction analysis, medical and autopsy reports, depositions, and the trial record. Federal investigators also independently conducted 75 witness interviews and obtained and reviewed the contents of relevant electronic devices…. In addition, federal authorities retained an independent biomechanical expert who assessed Zimmerman's descriptions of the struggle and the shooting.
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> The federal investigation sought to determine whether the evidence of

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A convenient, if blatant, lie: Michael Brown attacked police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri, and Wilson shot him in self-defense. But Brown became another cause célèbre for the Left, though even the Obama Justice Department exonerated the cop.

> the events that led to Martin's death were sufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Zimmerman's actions violated the federal criminal civil rights statutes….
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> The federal investigation examined whether Zimmerman violated civil rights statutes at any point during his interaction with Martin, from their initial encounter through the fatal shooting. This included investigating whether there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Zimmerman violated Section 3631 by approaching Martin in a threatening manner before the fatal shooting because of Martin's race and because he was using the residential neighborhood. Investigators also looked at whether there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Zimmerman violated Section 3631 or Section 249, by using force against Martin either during their struggle or when shooting Martin, because of Martin's race….
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> Federal investigators determined that there is insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt a violation of these statutes.

And just who did the Left want justice for? The protagonist in this narrative was no honor student. Reported the *Miami Herald*:

> A school police investigator said he saw Trayvon on the school surveillance camera in an unauthorized area "hiding and being suspicious." Then he said he saw Trayvon mark up a door with "W.T.F." The officer said he found Trayvon the next day and went through his book bag in search of the graffiti marker.
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> Instead … he found women's jewelry and a screwdriver that he described as a "burglary tool…."
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> Trayvon's backpack contained 12 pieces of jewelry, in addition to a watch and a large flathead screwdriver, according to the report, which described silver wedding bands and earrings with diamonds….
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> Trayvon was not disciplined because of the discovery, but was instead suspended for graffiti….
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> That suspension was followed four months later by another one in February…. Trayvon was caught with an empty plastic bag with traces of marijuana in it. A school police report … specifies two items: a bag with marijuana residue and a "marijuana pipe."
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> The punishment was the third.... Trayvon had earlier been suspended for tardiness and truancy.

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Even with that information, the Left made Martin the poster boy for white-on-black hate and murder.

Michael Brown: Police officer Darren Wilson's justifiable shooting of petty criminal Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014 superbly illustrates the thug-as-victim narrative the Left so expertly disgorges after a confrontation in which the cop is white and the "victim" is black.

After Wilson shot Brown in self-defense, Brown's family and the radical Left, aided by prevaricating "witnesses," smeared Wilson. Another racist white cop shot another "defenseless" black kid. Brown was a "gentle giant," even too timid to play football despite his gargantuan 300-pound frame. The "teen" was "surrendering" with his "hands up," telling the cop "don't shoot," when trigger-happy Wilson, looking to put a notch in his belt, unleashed a hail of bullets. "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" became a national anti-cop slogan. Black Lives Matter had another cause célèbre.

Yet a grand jury refused to indict Wilson, and the Obama Justice Department released a report that proved the narrative utterly without merit. Forensic evidence proved that witnesses lied and Wilson shot Brown in self-defense after Brown attacked the cop *inside his* SUV. The DOJ reported its results this way:

> Some witnesses claim that Brown's arms were never inside the SUV….
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> Those witness accounts could not be relied upon in a prosecution because credible witness accounts and physical and forensic evidence, i.e. Brown's DNA inside the SUV and on Wilson's shirt collar and the bullet trajectory and close-range gunshot wound to Brown's hand, establish that Brown's arms and/or torso were inside the SUV.
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> After the initial shooting inside the SUV, the evidence establishes that Brown ran … and Wilson

chased after him. The autopsy results confirm that Wilson did not shoot Brown in the back as he was running away because there were no entrance wounds to Brown's back…. Witnesses who say so cannot be relied upon in a prosecution because they have given accounts that are inconsistent with the physical and forensic evidence or are significantly inconsistent with their own prior statements made throughout the investigation.

Brown ran at least 180 feet away from the SUV … then turned around and came back toward Wilson, falling to his death approximately 21.6 feet west of the blood in the roadway. Those witness accounts stating that Brown never moved back toward Wilson could not be relied upon in a prosecution because their accounts cannot be reconciled with the DNA bloodstain evidence and other credible witness accounts.

Several witnesses stated that Brown appeared to pose a physical threat to Wilson as he moved toward Wilson. According to these witnesses, who are corroborated by blood evidence in the roadway, as Brown continued to move toward Wilson, Wilson fired at Brown in what appeared to be self-defense and stopped firing once Brown fell to the ground. Wilson stated that he feared Brown would again assault him because of Brown's conduct at the SUV and because as Brown moved toward him, Wilson saw Brown reach his right hand under his t-shirt into what appeared to be his waistband. There is no evidence upon which prosecutors can rely to disprove Wilson's stated subjective belief that he feared for his safety….

Although there are several individuals who have stated that Brown held his hands up in an unambiguous sign of surrender prior to Wilson shooting him dead, their accounts do not support a prosecution…. Some of those accounts are inaccurate because they are inconsistent with the physical and forensic evidence; some of those accounts are materially inconsistent with that witness's own prior statements…. Certain other witnesses who originally stated Brown had his hands up in surrender recanted their original accounts, admitting that they did not witness the shooting or parts of it, despite what they initially reported either to federal or local law enforcement or to the media. Prosecutors did not rely on those accounts when making a prosecutive decision.

While credible witnesses gave varying accounts of exactly what Brown was doing with his hands as he moved toward Wilson … they all establish that Brown was moving toward Wilson when Wilson shot him.

The obvious question is why the "gentle giant" attacked Wilson. Answer: Wilson was trying to catch Brown for robbing a convenience store. Video showed the "gentle giant" pushing around the shopkeeper from whom he had stolen a box of cigarillos.

So yet again, the Left had adopted another criminal to peddle a subversive, inflammatory message. "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" became the message of protesters and a sort of curse upon local police as untrustworthy and in need of more intrusive federal controls and supervision.

Similar Scripts

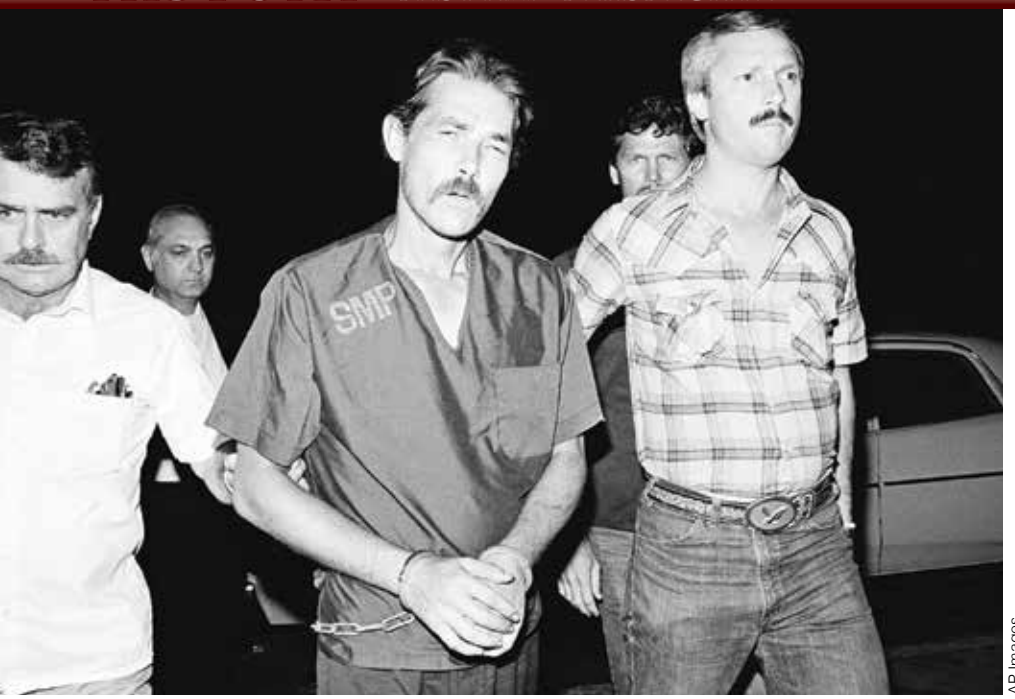
Of course, Brown was a petty criminal who attempted to murder a cop. But sometimes the Left adopts actual murderers, and it doesn't much care what color they are as long as they fit the narrative. A few examples:

• Mumia Al Jamal, born Wesley Cook, a former Black Panther who murdered white cop Daniel Faulkner in 1981. Jamal was convicted and sentenced to death. A federal court overturned the ultimate penalty, and Jamal was sentenced to life in prison. Without doubt Jamal is guilty, but the Left's tenacity in pushing the Sacco-Vanzetti defense — he was "framed" and convicted in an "unfair" trial — for more than three decades finally paid off. Last year, another judge said he could appeal his conviction again. The Left says Jamal is a "political prisoner" of a corrupt system.

• The Jena Six were the black boys who in 2006 viciously beat a white boy for no reason. The discredited Southern Poverty Law Center was among the boys' defenders. The six claimed the white boy uttered racist remarks, and 20,000 protesters showed up in Jena, Louisiana, after prosecutors charged five of them with attempted murder. Each of the Jena Six eventually confessed, but served virtually no time in jail.

• Jack Henry Abbott, a communist and violent career criminal, was in prison for forgery in 1965 when he killed another inmate, which earned him another three to 23 years. In 1971, Abbott escaped prison and robbed a bank, which added another 19 years. But then he wrote to leftist scribe Norman Mailer, who,

Victims? The Jena Six (five of whom are shown here) beat up a white boy in Jena, Louisiana, for no reason, a crime for which they were convicted. But leftists turned them into the victims.



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Yes, he's a killer: Jack Henry Abbott, leftist scribe Norman Mailer said, was a reformed man who should be paroled. Abbott's book retailed the leftist narrative that American prisons are unjust. Prison authorities released the communist murderer. He killed again six weeks later.

impressed by Abbott's writing ability, helped him publish a prison memoir, *In the Belly of the Beast*, which describes the prison system as unjust — a leftist narrative. Mailer also lobbied for Abbott's parole. Against their better judgment, prison officials freed him in June 1981. Six weeks later, the newest star in New York's literary firmament stabbed a man to death. Amazingly, celebrities such as Susan Sarandon defended him again, even though Abbott was, Mailer wrote, a "calculated risk."

• Indian activist Leonard Peltier, a member of the radical-left American Indian Movement, was wrongfully convicted, the Left falsely claimed, for the murder of two FBI agents in 1975 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Wanted for the attempted murder of a policeman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Peltier was at the reservation at the behest of AIM, which was fighting with tribal leaders who wanted the group removed. The FBI agents, investigating an assault and robbery, were following Peltier's car when it stopped and its occupants, including Peltier, got out and opened fire. Peltier's guilt is beyond doubt, and he admitted, in 1991, to firing at the agents. But the Left still retails the lie that federal prosecutors framed him.

Why Adopt Criminals? Ends Justify Means

The Left's adoption of thugs, criminals, and murderers for its causes would seem something of a mystery. Why not enlist the law-abiding more often, such as the black youngsters and their parents seeking to desegregate the public schools in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957?

Why, so often, a criminal or even a murderer?

Because a principal means of the Left's proving society is unjust is demonstrating that cops and courts routinely arrest and convict the innocent, particularly racial minorities, or in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti, immigrants. So the very nature of what the Left wants to prove by demonizing cops and courts requires conscripting those involved with cops and courts — i.e., criminals. Because most (but not all) of those accused of serious crimes and brought to trial are found guilty — and the prisons are bulging with innocent victims, after all — the Left is forced to present serious criminals as "victims."

Remarkably, the Left doesn't care that its narrative about unjust police and the courts is false, ridiculous, self-refuting, and redolent of hypocrisy. For one thing, an irredeemably unjust society would not enshrine in its primordial law an ancient canon of principles that includes the presumption of innocence, the writ of habeas corpus, protections against search and seizure, or a speedy jury trial requiring a unanimous verdict of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Not to mention free defense attorneys and an explicit explanation of rights upon arrest. Nor would an unfair or corrupt court system have permitted three decades of pettifoggery and a farrago of appeals, for instance, on behalf of the obviously guilty Jamal and Peltier. Those men had more than a fair day in court.

Yet the Left didn't want one for Wilson or Zimmerman, and adjudged them guilty before the facts were in or before trial. That's the hypocrisy. Thus, the guilt of a given "victim" the Left defends is immaterial, particularly given its ideological prime directive — the ends justify the means — and its alienation from the normative principles and convictions of a healthy society, which includes acknowledging and obeying lawful authority. The Left's willingness to use violence in the streets to achieve its ends suggests an ideological predisposition to forgive and sympathize with someone who uses violence, even to commit a crime, which for the alienated Left is something other than a crime. For the leftist — lacking what Joe Sobran called "normal social affections" — crime is not the result of a disordered choice or disposition. Rather, it is the natural and appropriate reaction to "structural injustices" or "systemic racism," the "root causes" of everything from inner-city poverty to low academic achievement among minorities. Thus, "social injustice," not the violent criminal, is the problem. Criminal violence cannot be removed from the context of "poverty" or "racial tensions." "Rage" and "lashing out" are "justified."

And so we had Nathan Phillips, "Native American elder" and "Vietnam veteran," the perfect protagonist for the latest narrative to inspire a national moral panic. Of course, no one knew about his military fakery and going AWOL and other crimes when the narrative began, but those small matters were not surprising given the Left's uncanny knack for picking phonies and criminals to represent its causes.

Phillips was found out, and the narrative collapsed. Nicholas Sandmann and his pals did nothing wrong. Phillips wasn't so perfect after all. ■

Clutching Their Pearls?

A comical story out of New Hampshire reminds us how fragile and disingenuous gun-grabbers can sometimes be. Michael Graham, writing at InsideSources.com, explained on March 6 that both the media and prominent Democrats got their facts wrong when they thought New Hampshire legislators were publicly mocking gun-control advocates. The incident unfolded at a hearing on a proposed "red flag" law. In general, so-called red flag laws are laws that allow a citizen to petition a court to remove guns from a gun owner owing to fears that the gun owner may harm himself or others. Second Amendment supporters worry that such laws may be used to slip around due process, with gun owners having their guns taken at the discretion of a judge without being able to defend themselves. The hearing on the law brought both supporters and critics to the statehouse, and one such critic immediately assumed the worst about state legislators wearing pearl necklaces.

Shannon Watts, a member of the group Moms Demand Action, which Graham described as "an anti-gun group backed by liberal billionaire Mike Bloomberg," posted a series of tweets making the accusation that the pearls were intended as an insult aimed at people concerned with gun violence. As an example, one tweet from Watts read "Male New Hampshire lawmakers on the hearing committee wearing pearls to mock @MomsDemand volunteers and gun safety advocates." Her messages soon went viral and leftists on social media, as they are known to do, quickly repeated and amplified the messages without checking on the facts. The outcry got to such a fevered pitch that Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. Senator from California Kamala Harris even chimed in and lambasted the Republican politicians. "These moms are fighting to confront gun violence and protect our children. They don't deserve to be mocked," Harris wrote to her millions of followers on Twitter.

But the truth would soon come out that the pearls were actually a symbol of a women's group, which had given them to both male and female legislators. Kimberly Morin is president of the New Hampshire Women's Defense League, which identifies itself as a pro-Second Amendment organization and is opposed to the proposed red flag law. "We've used pearls as a symbol of support for the right to bear arms — particularly the right of women to defend themselves — for years," Morin told InsideSources. "They've became a symbol representing the Women's Defense League and our fight for women's rights, for freedom, and against gun control," she explained.

But leftists rarely admit mistakes, and they continued to promote the lie that the pearls were meant to humiliate opponents. Such tactics leave Morin pessimistic about having any constructive dialogue with the opposing side in the gun-control debate. "How can we trust them in a discussion about something as important as the Second Amendment when we can't even trust them not to lie about us over something as simple as the pearls?"

Second Amendment Sanctuaries

Most of our readers are familiar with "Sanctuary Cities" or "Sanctuary States," Democrat-controlled municipalities or states that refuse to cooperate with the federal government in enforcing immigration laws. Now comes "Second Amendment Sanctuaries," where a similar concept is being applied to the topic of gun-control legislation. KDVR.com reported on March 6 about how Weld County in Colorado became the third county in the state to pass a resolution declaring it a "Second Amendment sanctuary county." The resolution was passed by the Weld County Commission, which stated that the commissioners supported law-enforcement officers in their decision to not enforce the state's proposed red flag law. The resolution expressed "support for the Weld County Sheriff in the exercise of his sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law."

Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer released a statement explaining that this "issue isn't an issue of safety as much as it is an issue of protecting the constitutional rights of citizens."

Sheriff Steve Reams reiterated such a stance and said, "I have a duty for public safety but also have a duty to protect the Constitution."

Of course, Americans can't just rely on the discretion of an elected county sheriff to not enforce unconstitutional laws, but such a measure might be our best option at the moment until more proactive steps can be taken to defend the Second Amendment.

Gun-rights Activists Use Social Media

Guns & America, a self-described "public media reporting project on the role of guns in American life," ran an interesting piece about how young gun-rights activists are using social media in an innovative way to advance Second Amendment guarantees. The piece profiled Patrick Parsons, a member of the organization Georgia Gun Owners, who regularly livestreams himself in front of the Georgia Capitol on Facebook, reaching thousands of people every day.

In his livestreams, Parsons discusses various laws related to guns but primarily focuses on the burgeoning "constitutional carry" movement that this column has previously covered. Parsons explained that constitutional carry "simply makes the weapons license optional." Parsons also advocates the use of lobbying apps that make it easier to send messages to your legislators. Parsons views social media as "the great equalizer…. Twenty years ago, we didn't have this on any issue…. No matter what you believed in, left or right. Now we have the ability to connect directly with people." The Facebook page for his organization has more than 400,000 followers, which is far greater than the other pro-gun group in his state, but this large Internet presence hasn't yet translated into success in the political world, as "constitutional carry" doesn't look like it will even be considered during this year's legislative calendar. ■

—Patrick Krey

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The socialist train loads up: Senator Elizabeth Warren (speaking), Bernie Sanders, and other Democrat presidential candidates are basing their campaigns on government-provided everything: healthcare, college tuition, green energy, jobs, and more — no matter the cost.

We Can't Afford More "Free" Socialist Schemes

Item: *"Denouncing the profit motive in health care, more than 100 House Democrats rallied on Wednesday around a bill to replace most private health insurance with a national single-payer system, 'Medicare for all,'" reported the* New York Times *in its print edition on February 28.*

The paper noted that supporters of the bill, "under which health care would be available to all Americans without premiums, co-payments, deductibles or 'similar charges,' did not say how much it would cost or how they would pay for it. They said their proposal could save huge sums by cutting administrative costs and the bill-paying bureaucracy that works for insurance companies and health care providers."

Item: *"Democrats are lining up to find ways to tax the rich," pointed out the London-based* Economist *for February 2-8. For example, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, who wants President Trump's job, "has called for an annual levy of 2% on wealth above $50m and of 3% on wealth above $1bn. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a prominent new left-wing congresswoman [from New York], has floated a top tax rate of 70% on the highest incomes."*

Item: *A number of "ambitious government-led" projects favored by the Democrats — including guaranteed jobs and the Green New Deal — were also promoted in* Bloomberg Businessweek *for February 11. It dismissed concerns about costs by citing the "Modern Monetary Theory," which is enthusiastic about "government borrowing its own currency." Advocates say that the United States "can run deficits without having to worry about going bust, because it creates the dollars in the first place."*

Item: *"Sen. Bernie Sanders is raising the stakes of the 'Medicare for All' debate by expanding his proposal to include long-term care," reported the Associated Press, in an updated piece on March 9.*

Correction: One wonders if even Lenin could get to the left of "democratic socialist" Sanders.

We are being told that "Medicare for All" (or MFA) is popular with the public. Yet, that term (as even proponents admit) has a very broad meaning — with some seeing that as "single-payer" healthcare, while others imagine that it would just allow some Americans to buy into Medicare or Medicaid.

The devil is in the details. Gallup has also found that 70 percent of Americans with private insurance rate their coverage as "excellent" or "good." Merely13 percent of those polled think private insurance should be eliminated — though that is what Sanders-style MFA would require.

California Democrat Senator (and presidential hopeful) Kamala Harris proposed deep-sixing the insurance of the 180 million or so Americans covered through an employer. She awkwardly tried to backtrack after taking flak.

When such facts become known, the popularity of MFA drops by almost 50 percentage points. According to Emory University Professor Ken Thorpe, a former advisor to President Clinton, the most recent Sanders MFA plan would hit hard if it were fully funded. A Senate version, Thorpe calculated, would require an additional 14.3 percent payroll tax and a 5.7 percent income-related premium.

Sanders is still going full bore. The Vermont socialist, as we write, added his long-term care provision. As James Freeman of the *Wall Street Journal* put it:

> The original Sanders "Medicare for All" plan would end all private health insurance as well as government programs like Medicare and replace them with a new government medical system. Now on top of that Mr. Sanders wants to extend coverage beyond strictly medical services.

Indeed it does that. As the AP reported: "People of any age could qualify if illness, injury or age limit their ability to perform at least one 'activity of daily living,' such as bathing or dressing, or one or more 'instrumental activities of daily living,' such as managing money or taking prescribed medications. There would be no income or assets tests to qualify, and no copays or deductibles."

Sanders' long-term care plan could make the Vermonter, in Freeman's words, "the $100 trillion man in terms of the amount of other people's money he's willing to commit to his agenda."

These days, the Democrat candidates vying to lead the United States boast about how dependent they can make Americans of the federal government.

"Progressive" supporters of Modern Monetary Theory (or MMT), such as Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), who leads the push for a top tax rate of 70 percent, don't worry about the costs of their ruses. As noted in the "Market Watch" website, MMT advocates contend that

> the government's ability to borrow is restrained only by inflation. No inflation? No problem to pay for universal health care, universal basic income and a Green New Deal.

Even big spender Larry Summers balks at that. He's not much of a "moderate": Summers was Bill Clinton's Treasury Secretary and directed Barack Obama's National Economic Council. In early March, he notably blasted MMT proponents (in the *Washington Post*) for boosting "voodoo economics."

The Tax Foundation, reviewing AOC's 70-percent rate plan, concluded that one version would even *lose* the federal government $63.5 billion between 2019 and 2028. That means little to AOC, who has said that it is "immoral" that we have a "system that allows billionaires to exist."

Then there is Elizabeth Warren, an MFA backer who also wants to impose an unconstitutional tax on the "assets" (not just income) of rich Americans. If you choose to trust her, this, she says, is only aimed at the 75,000 wealthiest families, less than 0.1 percent of American households.

But remember, when the federal income tax began, it started small. In eight years the highest effective tax rate went from seven percent to 77 percent.

Not even her backers believe that her wealth tax would pay for what she and her fellow Democrats want (including universal pre-kindergarten, about $1 trillion for federal infrastructure, and forgiving student loans).

These days the most extortionate rate, to the benefit of the nation, is considerably lower, though as the Tax Foundation has pointed out (using IRS figures): "In 2016, the top 1 percent of taxpayers paid about 37 percent of federal income taxes, more than twelve times the tax burden of the bottom half of taxpayers."

Not enough, say rapacious "progressives." Insatiable progressive leaders (as has been noted by, among others, economics Professor Kevin Cochrane) seem more concerned with punishing the successful than paying for government services. As Cochrane put it in the *Washington Times*:

> Rather than taxing income, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts has proposed a wealth tax. Her proposal is to tax away 2 percent of individuals' net worth in excess of $50 million. Imagine the survey necessary to tabulate and value everyone's assets.... How the IRS would manage the task is beyond unfathomable. That's why most countries that historically have attempted wealth taxes have abandoned them.

Worse, for all the pain, there would not be much of a windfall. Even if Warren were to seize the entire net worth of the top 1 percent, observed Cochrane, "the math works out to about an extra $400 — yes, four hundred — dollars per household. One time."

It turns out that you can kill the goose the lays the golden egg. Once.

Nonetheless, that seems to be the ultimate goal. Tiana Lowe, a commentator for the *Washington Examiner*, has rightly observed that the "effects of Medicare For All would reverberate across the country." The United States, she wrote in February, has

> 4.4 percent of the world's population, yet we produce 44 percent of the world's medical research and development. This is not a coincidence. Of the $171.8 billion we spend on R&D, the federal government contributes just one-fifth, with private industry footing the overwhelming majority of the bill.

Eradicating the current system, using its perceived faults as a pretext, would be ruinous.

Yet, the most radical proposals and their rabid pushers may not pose the more realistic dangers. They could, however, serve as stalking horses for seemingly less extreme measures — a phenomenon that, in part, produced the expansionist Obama-Care (which was viewed as less drastic than a "single-payer" system).

Pragmatic socialists, so-called moderates, would still kill the golden goose, but the death throes would last longer. ■

— William P. Hoar

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How I Got Into Abortion Work, and Then Got Out

In 1984, I decided to move to Boulder, Colorado, where a girlfriend from a Wisconsin nursing school now lived. I was unfamiliar with the area, and there were no day positions at the local hospital. I was not comfortable with a commute to Denver for night-shift jobs. Then I saw an ad in the paper:

"Nurse needed: Family Planning Clinic-Boulder"

I interviewed and learned that the clinic did abortions. Though an abortion was not something I ever planned to have, I rationalized the deaths of the infants: All the abused babies and children were better off going to heaven than being born and suffering if they were unwanted.

Inside the abortuary: In the movie *Unplanned*, Julie Wilkinson (upper right-hand corner) reprises her former real-life role as an abortion nurse.

Unplanned Movie Still

I was raised a Christian and still considered myself one, mind you, but I attended church rarely. Sanctity of life wasn't emphasized when I was young, and I remember a time in high school when I casually asked a close Catholic friend who had told me she was pregnant if she would have an abortion. She immediately answered, "No! That would be murder." I was a bit taken aback, and dropped the subject.

At my job interview, the abortion doctor questioned me closely. I assured him that I was comfortable with abortion, so I was hired, and my training began.

A nurse taught me how to do gynecological exams to estimate the size of the uterus. In referencing the size of the fetus, we used terms such as tangerine, orange, and grapefruit. (It is always important to depersonalize the life you intend to end.) Later, I learned how to assist the doctor during early "procedures" up to 10-12 weeks. I opened sterile instrument packs, handed the doctor instruments, and turned on the suction, making sure the cover was on the suction jar. I also held the hands of nervous patients. After the "procedure" I would take the covered jar to a small room where a person waited to examine the pieces of the tiny person to be sure he or she was all there, nothing left behind.

After a few weeks, I was taught how to assist with late cases, 13-24 weeks. Those took three days total to finish. After dilating the cervix for two days, on the third day, I would hand sterile instruments to the doctor so that he could withdraw amniotic fluid from the uterus and replace it with a concentrated urea (salt) solution, which I was responsible to mix. He said that the solution caused the placenta to separate from the uterus, resulting in the fetus dying. The truth was, the babies likely suffered terribly in the salt solution, their fragile skin and lungs being burned. I would check with a doppler ultrasound for a fetal heartbeat. When it was gone, the doctor would start to remove the baby, usually in pieces.

An early troubling situation occurred when a married, successful couple came to visit the clinic. They wanted a child, but they found out at 16 weeks that she was carrying twins and were not sure if twins would fit into their lifestyle. That visit bothered most of the workers, but it was no trouble for the doctor, who aborted the couple's healthy babies a couple weeks later.

After a couple years, I believe the Holy Spirit began to nudge me.

I was dating a man whose mother asked where I worked. I said "a women's clinic." She answered, "How wonderful it must be to be around all the mothers and babies." But it wasn't wonderful. Eventually, I left the clinic to work in a Newborn Intensive Care Unit. There I saw babies who were nearly the same size as the ones I saw in steel pans at the abortion clinic.

However, my heart didn't change overnight. Time was necessary to change my years-long belief in a woman's "right to choose." Slowly, I grew very ashamed at what I'd done, even though I knew I was forgiven in Christ. After I left Boulder, I never told people what I had done there. I got married, and we had three beautiful daughters. I did not tell them my story either; I just made sure they were raised to be pro-life. It felt very lonely to keep that dreadful secret.

Occasionally I would search online for a support group for former abortion workers, but never found one. Then a few years ago, another person told me I should reach out to Abby Johnson, who was a former abortion clinic director who held retreats for ex-abortion workers. So I did. I found a small, generally invisible group of people who are passionately pro-life. We have seen abortion from the inside, and we know the truth.

As my daughters each reached the age I felt appropriate, I then told them about my past.

In the last couple years, I have gathered my courage and decided to speak publicly. I even had a walk-on part in the movie *Gosnell*, and I play my real-life role as an abortion nurse in a small but pivotal scene in the anti-abortion movie *Unplanned*.

I thank God for not giving up on me. ■

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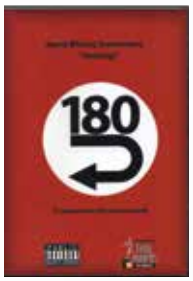

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